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JANUARY 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

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THE NEW YEAR: A GREAT START!

Happy New Year! It's time for those New Year resolutions again. My resolution is to start off the New Year right by obtaining as much knowledge that I can from the Lake County Public Library! When I started working here in August, I couldn't believe how much you can do at the Lake County Public Library. I had no idea that there were so many programs that are offered to its patrons and it's totally FREE! I feel that it doesn't get any better than that! Here I was spending thousand of dollars on college, when all I needed was just a library card!

When I went downstairs and saw the whole video library, I was completely shocked. Why in the world was I spending so much money on renting my videos from a store, when I could get them for free here! Now, every Friday, I rush to the Audio Visual Department and see what I can rent for the weekend. I have saved so much money just by eliminating that expense. I love movies and I can't believe the selection that they have. They have everything that one could need such as: new releases, old movies, television series, educational videos, and documentaries.

I can't wait for the Gardening Series to start again. Why not get away from the house and meet new people? I certainly do not have a green thumb and this would be perfect! The **Gardening Series** will start in the spring and it will be on the third Tuesday of the month, featuring all sorts of informative gardening tips. The Program is sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and features many speakers from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program.

And with those who have little ones, come

on down to the Children's Department and see what they have to offer. The Children's Department is always doing cool programs for children to come and enjoy. Who wouldn't love to watch their child listen to cool stories and have a little time to relax? Children need a place to go and let their imagination go wild. Why not let them socialize with other little ones and grow socially and emotionally?

Upcoming events:

Annual Read-a-thon

Gardening Series

and our

Literary Tea

Each spring, the Lake County Public Library Foundation hosts a fabulous afternoon with an amazing author presentation, a raffle and a long relaxing afternoon of tea! For those who love afternoon tea, the annual **Literary Tea** is scheduled for **April 29**. So mark your calendars!

Our annual **Read-A-Thon** is coming up too! Each year, the Lake County Public Library Foundation joins schools in the area with hosting a Read-A-Thon, which encourages literacy among school-aged children. Similar to a walk-a-thon, participating students obtain pledges based on how many books are read. In the spring, the top winners are honored at a breakfast that is held at a banquet hall. In correlation with how many books they have read, the winners may win a ribbon, a trophy, or a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Participating schools will receive one-third of the total monies raised by their students. The Read-A-Thon starts January 9th and goes through February 17th. All you need to do is fill out the permission slip and return it to your school office, school librarian, or local branch library.

So here's to the New Year and starting off right!

Jennifer Gast
Marketing Manager

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Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver, which is a collection of thought-provoking essays for the post 9/11 world. Pre-register, ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY CLUB

Jan. 13, Fri. at 9:30am This month's event will be a presentation by Susan Whitten, MPA Outreach Coordinator from Harbor Light Hospice on "Best Kept Secret." Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to enjoy this informative program. For more details, call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

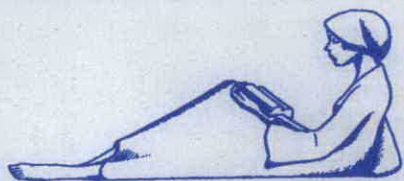
CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Jan. 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, Sat. at 10am Larry Sharp of the International Institute will teach classes for those preparing to become United States Citizens. Anyone interested in becoming a naturalized citizen is welcome to attend. Pre-register, ext. 309.

IMPROVING YOUR MEMORY

Jan. 30, Mon. at 1pm As part of the Consumer & Family Sciences Educational Programs of Purdue University, Corrine Powell will explain how to improve your memory. This lesson defines memory, explores how memory is acquired, how age effects memory, factors that effect memory and ways to improve memory. Pre-register, ext. 315.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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**Noteworthy Authors
You Should Know
(but might not)**



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 9, Mon. at 12:30pm It's Dr. Watson's first meeting with Sherlock Holmes. Join us for coffee and dessert and an informal discussion of *A Study in Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Pre-register.

41st BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Join us as we talk about *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, a true story of a group of women who met with literature professor Azar Nafisi to discuss popular works of the Western World, all of which have been officially banned by the government under which they live. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

BEST BEACHES TRAVEL VIDEO

Jan. 9, Mon. at 1pm Enjoy a month by month tour of the world's dream beaches from Brazil to Australia to California. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan 18, Wed. at 7pm In case you missed it over 30 years ago, or just want to read it again, James Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small* is a warm and funny look at the life of a young new rural veterinarian in England. Pre-register.

Ask a Librarian

Q: I need information about grants for starting a small business in Indiana.

A: The library's *Directory of Indiana Grantmakers* (Restricted Reference 361.7632 DIRE) has a listing of Indiana foundations and national foundations that fund Indiana projects.

We also have grant books that can be checked out: *Demystifying Grant Seeking: What You Really Need to Do to Get Grants* (658.15224 BROW) and *Grant Writing for Dummies* (658.15224 BROW). The federal government's small business development office has a helpful website for anyone interested in starting a small business <http://www.sba.gov>. The library also has a booklet called Grant Re\$ources. The booklets are free and contain many more resources for grant seekers.

 **Griffith Branch...continued**

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 30, Mon. at 1pm Explore the true story of the correspondence between James Murray, compiler of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and his most valued contributor, Dr. W. C. Minor, a former Civil War physician, who was certifiably mad, in this well researched *Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 31, Tues. from 2pm to 3:30pm Designed for people with little or no computer skills, this class concentrates on moving the mouse, clicking and discovering important parts of the keyboard. Pre-register.



Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 4, Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse,

filling in different types of forms, and learn keyboarding. Pre-register.

BASIC WINDOWS

Jan. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm & Jan. 17, Tues. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

Jan. 4 & 25, Wed. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring yarn and knitting needles. Pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 5, Thurs. at 2pm & Jan. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-register.

HEALTH RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Jan. 9, Mon. at 2pm Participants will learn how to find reliable health information on the web and practice using the library's extensive Health & Wellness database. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Jan. 9, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 10, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint Church in the Glen. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: THE GOLD RUSH

Jan. 10, Tues. at 2pm The discovery of gold in Canada's far north led to the Klondike Gold Rush as 100,000 people raced to Seattle and then through Alaska to Canada. Most had no idea of the harsh conditions to be faced in America's beautiful, but often deadly, last frontier. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Jan. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber, winner of the 1924 Pulitzer Prize. This moving novel describes early 20th century Midwestern life in the story of Dirk DeJong, and his mother, Selina. After a colorful and tragic childhood, Selina moves to a rural area outside of Chicago to teach school and tries to fit in among

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narrow minded farmers and overworked wives. She marries, but soon must make her own way after her husband dies at a young age. Pre-register.

GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Jan. 19, Thurs. at 1pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the internet for tracing their ancestors, including using the library's Ancestry Library & Heritage Quest databases. Pre-register.

TEENS ON THE NET

Jan. 20, Fri. at 2pm Teens will practice navigating the net using the library's home page. They will explore helpful and interesting sites of special interest to teens and play games, including Internet Trivia and Google Face-off. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 21, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Hot Air Balloons. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 28, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint a water color, All Shook Up. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

COLD FUN FROM UP NORTH

Jan. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will experience America's last frontier when they hear stories, participate in games and other activities and prepare food – all from Alaska. Pre-register.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO: BOOMTIME

Jan. 9, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm People's Century looks at the post-war prosperity of the 1950s. As the Marshall Plan rebuilt Europe, cars, motorbikes, washing machines, televisions and refrigerators became affordable for the newly employed. Steady work, rising wages and mass production helped to sustain the boom for 30 years. Film presented on the big-screen TV. Refreshments served. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

PERIODICALS

Cottage Living is a brand new magazine from the publishers of *Southern Living*. Cottage Living has great articles, beautiful photos and many ideas that you can easily reproduce in your home. It also has a "how to" section for a special project. In each issue several homes are described in vivid detail as to how the families were able to transform their home into comfy cottage homes. The magazine combines fabulous ideas for decorating and vacationing to warm and wonderful places.

The Magazine of La Cucina Italiana is unique in its approach to Italian cuisine, travel, and culture. Readers rely on the publication to provide them with in-depth, accurate information concerning Italian regional foods, dining establishments, and places in the United States and around the world. Wide ranging features about Italy and culinary topics make this much more than simply a recipe magazine.

Domino the new shopping magazine for your home from the publisher of *Lucky*, *House & Garden* and *Vogue*. *Domino* is like having a personal shopper for your home. It will show you looks you'll love and tell you how to pull them off. You'll see options in every style and price range. It will tell you where to go, whom to call, and which Web site to visit to get exactly what you want. Learn the design tricks of the experts and how to advice from their amazing team of editors.

Believer features hilarious interviews, essays and reviews by top flight writers. This is a whimsically appealing magazine.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 10, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm Khaled Hosseini in his debut book, *Kite Runner*, manages to provide an educational and eye-opening account of Afghanistan's political turmoil. In a tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, Hosseini takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy

to the atrocities of the present. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 11, Wed. from 10am to Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am It's the *Wonderful White Elephant Tell All*: We have all done it! It was the souvenir we just had to have but now collects dust. Or, it was the perfect Christmas present, but for whom? Join us for a little fun and bring those classic useless items for a little show and tell. Prizes given for the best of the worst. Refreshments served. Call 972-7317 for questions or details.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 6pm Members of the Highland T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW

Jan. 16, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder will present slides from his trip to Berlin, Germany, as well as Krakow and Warsaw, Poland on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Jan. 23, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we take a look at the posh winter castles and grand estates of late 19th Century American Tycoons who discovered the sunshine and balmy breezes of Florida. Presented on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 7pm A serial killer dubbed "The Surgeon" is on the loose in Boston. Detectives Thomas Moore and Jane Rizzoli have only one clue - Dr. Catherine Cordell, the victim of a nearly identical crime in Georgia. Join us as we discuss the exciting thriller, *The Surgeon*. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 30, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch the classic drama of life in a Honolulu barracks at the time of Pearl Harbor which is based on the bestseller *From Here to Eternity* by James Jones. The drama which stars Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra and Donna Reed shows the effects the Army has on a former boxing champion who defies the attempts of officers to break him when he refuses to box on the company's team. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

OPEN MIC NITE!

Jan. 4, Wed. from 6-8pm Budding teen and pre-teen poets, authors, musicians, rappers, singers, etc., have an opportunity to share their art with others during our open mic night. Musicians must bring their own equipment and material should be appropriate for all ages. Please pre-register at either the Lake Station or Hobart branches. Refreshments will be served.

COFFEE BREAK @ YOUR LIBRARY

Jan. 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Tues. & Thurs. from 10am to 8pm Coffee lovers, grab a mug and a book during "Coffee Gourmet International Month." Beginning January 5, join Hobart staff for coffee on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each week will feature a different coffee flavor and book display.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Jan. 5, Thurs at 2pm & 6:30pm Travelers will visit the Majestic *Acropolis* and prowl the *Plaka*. Then it's off to island visiting in the *Aegean*. Travelers will visit *Delos*, the place where the great sun god, Apollo, was born. Pre-register.

BOOK CHAT

Jan. 17, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* finds Robert Langdon once again involved in a murder. This time he's the suspect. With the help of French cryptologist Sofie Neveu, they travel around Paris and London while discovering clues to solve the murder and the location of a vastly important religious relic.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 19, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

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will be closed January 2, 2006**

Events and Anniversaries Around the World

Jan 1-31 National Hot Tea Month. To celebrate one of nature's most popular, soothing and relaxing beverages; the only beverage in America commonly served hot or iced, anytime, anywhere, for any occasion. Tea Council of the USA www.teausa.org

Jan 13th Norway: Tyvendedagen: "20th Day", the traditional end of the Christmas season. Also commemorated as St. Knut's Day in Sweden.

Jan 14th Penguin Awareness Day: Become aware of the world's best dressed birds!

Jan 26th Rocky Mountain National Park established in 1915. Under President Woodrow Wilson, the area covering more than 1,000 square miles in Colorado became a national park.

Jan 31st Scotland: Up Helly AA: Lerwick, Shetland Islands. In an old Viking custom, a Norse galley is burned in a ceremony symbolizing sacrifice to the sun. www.visitshetland.com

Birthdays:

Jan 2nd Taye Diggs was born in Rochester, NY in 1972 (actor)

Jan 21st Geena Davis was born in Ware, MA in 1957 (actor)

Jan 28th Alan Alda was born in New York, NY in 1936 (actor)

Information from *Chase's 2006 Calendar of Events*

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

TEEN OPEN MIC NITE

Jan. 4, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Teens (grades 4-12) are invited to read their poetry, sing their songs or play their music (no electrical guitars) in a coffee house type environment at the Hobart Library. Pre-register by calling the branch at 962-2409.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 13, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 25, Wed. 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

QUILTING BEE

Jan. 4 & 18, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46340

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 11, Wed. at 7pm Carol Winston, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi. She will present information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

MUSICAL PORTRAIT OF AMERICA

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 7pm John Wachala of the Calumet Chamber Musicians will discuss the works of American composers Aaron Copland, John Cage, Robert Muczynski and others. This talk is in conjunction with the Norman Rockwell exhibit on display at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster. Recorded musical examples will be used to point out trends in American music from Rockwell's time through the present.

EXPLORE SAN FRANCISCO

Jan. 19, Thurs. at 2pm Perched on the end of a peninsula that straddles the San Andreas Fault and surrounded on three sides by water, San Francisco has always been hanging off the edge of the world. Built up in the late 1840s and then devastated by a massive earthquake in 1906, the city has

always reinvented itself.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 25, Wed. at 7pm Arn Schenk, member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Der Rosenkavalier* by Richard Strauss. He will present information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Honey Thief* by Elizabeth Graver tells the story of Miriam, a young widow, and her adolescent daughter, Eva, whose habitual stealing has forced them to leave New York City in search of a normal life.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Iliad* by Homer. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

FIRST TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Jan. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross stitch magazine issues and books.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Jan. 10, Tues. from 10:30am to 1:30pm Start the new year with a new hobby. Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by an experienced instructor. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials. Pre-register.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: THAILAND

Jan. 18, Wed. at 7pm Explore exotic northern Thailand

and kayak through tropical Thailand via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Jan. 25 or 26, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Fraught with insecurity about her husband's increasingly distant behavior, Louise Canova obtains a faded fashion guide from a second-hand bookshop and discovers that its lessons have unexpected results. Copies of this humorous book, *Elegance*, by Kathleen Tessaro are available at the branch. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHIES

Visit or call the library for a schedule. The library's monthly video biography series begins in January. Participants are invited to spend an hour enjoying refreshments and discovering the lives of historical figures, actors, inventors, and other notable personalities.

Administration @ your library

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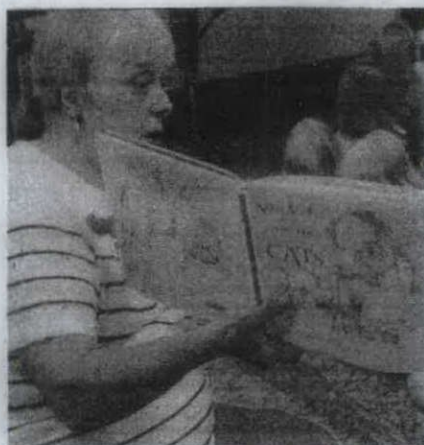
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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.



Since 1988 Eloise Cashman has been leading the path to literacy for children throughout the Lake County Public Library district. Spending the last 10 years at the Munster Branch, she has delighted youngsters with stories, interactive play, theatrical productions, and creative crafts. Always "dressed" for the occasion, Mrs. Cashman has charmed the hearts of the youngsters who came to her programs and who learned how to take

advantage of all that the library has to offer. We wish her as much happiness as she has left with us!

Good Luck to you, Brittany Spencer,
as you join the Munster Branch Library as the Children's Librarian!

It's time for READ-A-THON!

Children in the Lake County Public Library can participate in this literacy campaign sponsored by the Library's Foundation. Sign-up at school or the local library branch. Read as much as you can during this six week project – from January 9th to February 17th.

Read for fun! Read to learn! Read to be entertained! Prizes and gifts will be awarded!

Ask your local librarian for details.



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming JANUARY 2006



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS

Jan. 3 & 4, Tues. & Wed. from 1-5pm This 8 hour course is for 11-15 year olds and leads to the Red Cross Babysitter Certificate. Class enrollment is limited to 10 participants. Both days must be completed for certification. The registration fee is \$25 and includes the textbook. To register or for more information call ext. 360.

TOTALLY POLAR

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 4pm From penguins to polar bears and from the Antarctic to Alaska, children in Kindergarten to 3rd grade will experience a winter wonderland of stories, games and crafts that are sure to provide totally cool wintertime fun. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Jan. 16, Mon. at 2pm Children of all ages are invited to hear stories of Martin Luther King, Jr., view a video and make a memento to remember him. Pre-schoolers should be accompanied by a parent or responsible sibling. Pre-register, ext. 360.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 4pm School age children from grades Kindergarten and older will have fun getting ready to celebrate the beginning of Chinese New Year with games, music, food and a craft. Gung Hay Fat Choy! Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave.,

Gary 844-8809

LET IT SNOW

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will use a variety of materials to make a snowman...whether the weather cooperates or not! Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

LET IT SNOW

Jan. 11, Wed. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will use a variety of materials to make a snowman...whether the weather cooperates or not! Pre-register.

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Monday, January 2, 2006.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

REMEMBERING SUMMER SUNSHINE

Jan. 5, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will make "sun" glasses from a paper plate. Pre-register.

TIME TRAVELERS

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children 7 and older will learn bookbinding while making a personal *Book of Days*. They will also hear more of *Crispin: the Cross of Lead*. Pre-register.

PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL

Jan. 18, Wed. at 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make a sunrise pin from craft foam to wear home. Pre-register.

BEACH IN A JAR

Jan. 19, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will fill a jar with sand, shells and driftwood to use as a paperweight. Pre-register.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 6:30pm Can a groundhog really predict an early Spring? Come and play a shadow game, make a groundhog puppet and more. All ages are welcome, children under 5 will need adult help. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

SNOW FUN

Jan. 3, Tues. at 2pm All ages will have fun with snow by participating in a variety of activities and stories. Hot chocolate will be served. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, ages 2 and 3 years old, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities. Pre-register.

CHESS

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

Jan. 19, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades K-6 will learn how to make and fly two different kinds of paper airplanes. A paper airplane flying contest will complete the program. Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade may require parental assistance. Pre-register.

PENGUINS ON PARADE

Jan. 24, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about winter and penguins and make a paper penguin to hang at home. Pre-register.

ROOT BEER FLOATS

Jan. 26, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will make root beer floats and enjoy stories. Some simple games and a short film will complete the program. Pre-register.

COLD FUN FROM UP NORTH

Jan. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will experience America's last frontier when they hear stories, participate in games and other activities and prepare food - all from Alaska! Pre-register.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR A SNOWMAN?

Jan. 4, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about snow and snowmen through books, songs, finger plays and related activities. Pre-register.

TODDLERS IN THE SNOW

Jan. 9, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, age 2, and their caregivers, will hear snowy tales, sing active songs and create a simple craft. Pre-register.

COOL AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS

Jan. 11, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children will listen to a story and create a craft to take home. Snacks and materials will be provided for participants. This month's craft is a snowman. Pre-register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 6pm Members of the Highland T.A.B., and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

BUSY BEES HAVE POCKETS

Jan 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about pockets through books, songs, finger plays and related activities. Pre-register.

WINNIE-THE-POOH & TODDLER TOO!

Jan. 23, Mon. at 10:30am Winnie-the-Pooh will be featured during this ½ hour lap-sit time for 2 year olds and their caregivers. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

OPEN MIC NITE!

Jan. 4, Wed. from 6-8pm Budding teen and pre-teen poets, authors, musicians, rappers, singers, etc., have an opportunity to share their art with others during our open mic night. Musicians must bring their own equipment and material should be appropriate for all ages. Please pre-register at either the Lake Station or Hobart branches. Refreshments will be served.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Jan. 12, Thurs. at 5pm School age children will learn about plants in winter and make a winter craft. Pre-register.

WINNIE-THE-POOH DAY

Jan. 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children, age 3 to 5 years, will celebrate a special Winnie-the-Pooh story time with stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 20, Fri. at 10:30am Children, age 6 to 35months, and an adult caregiver, can participate in a Mother Goose story time. This is a lap-sit story time with participation of children and adult. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TEEN OPEN MIC NITE

Jan. 4, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Teens (grades 4 - 12) are invited to read their poetry, sing their songs or play their music (no electrical guitars) in a coffee house type environment at the Hobart Library. Pre-register by calling the branch at 962-2409.

A SNOWY PRE-SCHOOL HOUR

Jan. 9, Mon. at 6pm Pre-schoolers (ages 3 to 5) will hear stories and finger plays about snow and have fun dancing and hearing songs. They will also make a snowy craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

ESKIMO STORIES, POEMS & MASKS

Jan. 18, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K - 4) will hear an Eskimo story and Eskimo poems. We will be making Eskimo Laughing Masks. Children will need to bring a plain shoebox top and three sections of an egg carton. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 25, Wed. 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss *The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

ESKIMO STORIES, POEMS & MASKS

Jan. 19, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (grades K - 4) will hear an Eskimo story and Eskimo poems. We will be making Eskimo Laughing Masks. Children will need to bring a plain shoebox top and three sections of an egg carton. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

YA VOLUNTEERS

Jan. 5, Thurs. at 4pm This meeting will be a chance for students currently in 5th grade or higher to join our volunteer program and/or help plan Young Adult events in the upcoming months. Refreshments will be served and students will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteer hours for the coming months.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Jan. 9 & 23, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children ages 2-3, with a caregiver, are invited to hear stories, sing songs, make a craft, and do other theme related activities at either the 10:15am or 11:15am program. Each session will last 30 to 45 minutes.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Jan. 10, 17, 31, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 4 to 5 are invited to three story times in the month of January. Each program will last 45-60 minutes and include stories, songs, a video, a craft and other theme related activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 11 & 25, Wed. at 10:30am This new parent child lap-sit program will entertain and educate toddlers (6 to 23 months) with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early language development.

ADVENTURE THE ARCTIC

Jan. 11, Wed. at 4pm School age children are invited to explore the Arctic with stories, games and a craft that is sure to chill you to the bone.

NARNIA ADVENTURE

Jan. 25, Wed. at 4pm Come explore the world of Narnia as it is set in the famous book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. We will hear excerpts from the book, as well as partake in some Narnia inspired activities and crafts.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

COOL PENGUINS

Jan. 9 or 10, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. 6:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about penguins, make paper bag puppets, and watch a film. Pre-register.

MOTHER GOOSE

Jan. 16 & 30, Mon. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months old, along with a caregiver, are invited to a circle time program featuring rhymes, stories and hands-on activities. Pre-register.

MONKEY AROUND

Jan. 23 or 24, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 6:30pm Children will hear stories about monkeys, watch a film, and make a swinging monkey. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

Call the St. John Branch for more information about **Happenings@ your library.**

Answers to word scrambles located on back page:

January Word Unscramble

snow sled snowman ice skating vacation new year peace January goals scarf mittens

Word Unscramble: Book - *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

1. illegal 2. angel 3. Ramo 4. individual 5. canoe 6. equal 7. candle 8. needle 9. travel 10. metal 11. level 12. stencil
13. camel 14. material 15. original 16. Chief Chowig 17. civil 18. article 19. battle 20. couple 21. evil 22. Karana

Your Puzzle Page

Unscramble the words about January



swon
esdl
wsnaonm
ice sgtkain
avacinot
nwe eyra
epaec
njaruya
agols
srafC
timtesn

Word Unscramble: Book - *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

1. egilall

2. eglan

3. aoRm

4. vaidulniid

5. oeacn

6. alqeu

7. ldenca

8. edenel

9. rvltae

10. atlme

11. eellv

12. cilstne

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15. ngraolii

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17. vclii

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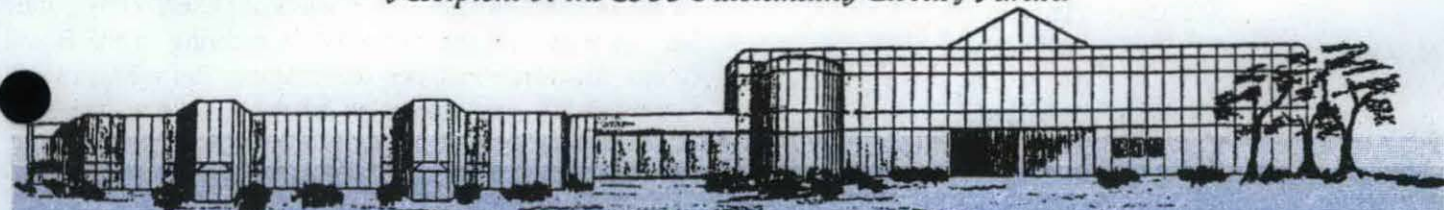
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23. obedul

24. rlaCo vCeo

25. oindslhp



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

See What's Budding at the Highland Branch Library!

Weather for gardening and lawn care is inching closer! Beginning in February, the Highland Branch Library will be partnering with the Highland Redevelopment Commission to offer a series of gardening and home improvement programs during 2006.

For those who need help with their lawn, Stan Sims of the Lake County-Purdue University Cooperative Extension will be offering classes on lawn care and getting the garden ready. Another program will focus on container gardening and landscaping around your home, demonstrated by representatives from Allen Landscape. In the line up, too, is a presentation on flower gardening by Master Gardener Anna Barnes, as well as a strategy for winter gardens offered by Taltree Arboretum of Valparaiso.

And there's more to come with designs for landscaping and curb appeal provided by John Bachman of Purdue University Calumet, and direction on the intricacies of painting the outside of a home by Todd Kuiper of J. C. Licht Paint Store in Highland. For a complete listing of each topic, date and time, stop in the library and ask for a brochure or pick up an LCPL Happenings each month.

February is also the time when our thoughts turn to taxes. Indiana and Federal IRS tax forms are now available for anyone to come and take what they need. You can even schedule an appointment with one of our AARP tax preparers. These professional tax preparers will be available (by appointment) to assist se-

niors and low income persons in filing their taxes. Give us a call at 838-2394 to schedule your time.

In addition the Highland Branch offers a wide variety of programs for both adults and children. Programs such as weekly travel, history and classic films, adult book discussions, school age projects, and story times for pre-schoolers and toddlers offer something for every interest and for everyone at every age.

Youth volunteers have been an important part of the Highland Library for more than a decade. Students who have completed 4th grade and higher have helped the library staff with the summer reading program and continued on to help during the school year. Each year, these young "assistants" have donated over 1,000 hours of volunteer time to the branch.

In 2006, the Highland Library will be expanding its volunteer curriculum by creating a Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.). Youngsters in 7th grade and higher, or who have already donated at least 20 hours of time to this branch, will be meeting once a month here on Jewett Street. The purpose of the group is to help the library become more "adolescent-friendly" by keeping our staff up-to-date with what's happening on the teen scene, and by helping to plan and implement young adult programs. Moreover, the T.A.B. may plan agendas for younger children, assist in creating displays and decorations for the building, map out a teen version of the summer reading program, help to choose prizes for participants of summer reading

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and recommend print and non-print materials for the Library to consider purchasing. At the meetings the T.A.B. will share refreshments, chat and play games. T.A.B. members earn volunteer time for each meeting attended and all time spent on library functions. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more information, or to join in on the fun, simply contact Mrs. Karen Slager or Ms. Cathy Watts at the Highland Branch Library.

Kathy Deal
Highland Branch Library Manager

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Group classes for individuals who wish to learn English are held every Monday and Wednesday evening in February from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The lessons focus on speaking, reading and writing English. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are offered for adult students. There is no fee to participate. Please contact the library to register on ext. 309.

FOR SENIORS ONLY

Feb. 8, Wed. at 10am or 2pm Today's retirees are financially squeezed due to the loss of retirement benefits and increases in the cost of living...yet they are unaware of their "hidden wealth." Russ Lash, a senior advisor from the Indiana Senior Information Center, will be giving a crash course: *Finding and Protecting Your Hidden Wealth*, focusing on selling your no longer needed life insurance, common mistakes made with U.S. savings bonds, reverse mortgages, cost of probate and protecting your wealth from nursing home costs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire. Look behind the Emerald Curtain to see the witch's side of the Oz story in *Wicked*, the book on which the popular musical is based. Pre-register, ext. 309.

2nd FRIDAY CLUB

Feb. 10, Fri. at 9:30am This month's event is hosted by Centier Bank's The 50 Advantage. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to enjoy this entertaining and informative program. For more details, call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

MEET THE PRESIDENTS

In fact and fiction

FRIENDS' MEETING

Feb. 14, Tues. at 1pm The Friends of Lake County Public Library will hold their bi-monthly meeting in the Board Room. All current members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Public Relations, ext. 309.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about **Happenings@your library**.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Elliot Ness, FDR, Ronald Reagan, Al Capone, George Raft and the St. Valentines Day Massacre all come together in this mixture of fact and fantasy. Join us for an informal discussion of *True Detective* by Max Allan Collins, and stay for dessert. Pre-register.

41ST BOOK BUDDIES

Feb. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Lorna Landvik's *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* is the subject of this month's discussion. Join our group as we talk about the five women who live through 30 years of books, bad husbands, children, parties and good brownies. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

BASIC WINDOWS

Feb. 1, 4 or 7 Basic Windows training will enable you to use computers at the library such as opening and closing programs, minimizing, correct use of the mouse, and so on. This same class will be offered on three separate dates and times: Wed., Feb. 1st from 2-3:30pm; Sat., Feb. 4th from 1-2:30pm or Tues., Feb. 7th from 6-7:30pm. Class size limited, pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 2, 4 or 8 Learn what can be found on the internet how you can find information on the Web through search engines. Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. This same class will be offered on three separate dates and times: Thurs.,

Ask a librarian



Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

Q: I travel often, and I like to listen to books in my car. How can I search for books on CD from the LCPL homepage?

A: When you go into the library catalog link, click on the "Films and Music" search option. Then choose "call number starts with" and type in "vx.cd" to go to the beginning of the listings for fiction books on compact disc. For non-fiction books, type "vnf.cd"

Feb. 2nd from 2-3:30pm; Sat., Feb. 4th from 3-4:30pm; Wed., Feb. 8th from 6-7:30pm. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 4 or 6 Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. Concentrates on moving the mouse, clicking and important parts of the keyboard. This same class will be offered on two separate dates and times: Sat. Feb. 4th from 10-11:30am or Mon. Feb. 6th from 6-7:30pm. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD BY TRAIN VIDEO

Feb. 13, Mon. at 1pm Journey by rail from the Alaskan wilderness through the Arctic Circle, between eastern and western Canada and the Great Plains. Finish by following the rail from East to West Coast America. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 15, Wed. at 7pm First he gave us his view of life in imaginary small-town Lake Wobegon, Minnesota; here Garrison Keillor gives us his equally witty, equally skewed view of living in almost-real big city, Minneapolis. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Happy to Be Here* by Garrison Keillor. Pre-register.

COMPUTER CLASS: HELP DESK

Feb. 18, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm Help with basic Windows, Word, Excel, email, internet, Library Catalog. This is really BASIC – remember I'm a librarian not a computer tech. There are 8 computers available – help is available on a first come-first served basis. Pre-register.

HORMONES GOT YOU?

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 6:45pm Confused about hormone replacement therapy? John Griffin of Broadmoor Pharmacy will present a program on bio-identical hormone replacement therapy (BHT) which is a prescription based alternative for conventional HRT and molecularly identical to those made by your body. Pre-register.

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Feb. 1 to 24, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-5pm Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. Counselors will not be able to prepare business or farm taxes. This is by appointment only. Please call the library to schedule a time.

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 6, Mon. at 4pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens & younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 13, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint Old Mill. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Feb. 14, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will take a look at five couples whose love defined their times in *Great Romances in History*: Anthony and Cleopatra, Napoleon and Josephine, Czar Nicholas and Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Feb. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Pi Patel is an unusual boy with an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior. He loves story telling and practices three different religions. When he turns 16 his family boards a cargo ship bound for North America. The ship sinks and Pi and a handful of animals, including a tiger, survive, spending almost a year lost at sea. This is a rousing tale of adventure and ultimately of faith as Pi struggles to survive a harrowing journey. Pre-register.

CHOCOLATE TASTE-OFF

Feb. 24, Fri. at 3:30pm Teens will enjoy a variety of chocolate as they decide on their favorites. They will also make their own treat and play games.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 25, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint February

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Evening. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

DINOSAUR DAYS

Feb. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm An event for all ages as we travel back in time with stories of dinosaurs, activities with fossils, a dinosaur egg hunt and more. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Feb. 28, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will tour world class cultural sites, dynamic new architecture, museums, outdoor cafes, and more as they visit the German cities of Berlin, Munich and Bavaria on the big screen. Refreshments will be served.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO: ECHOES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Feb. 6, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm Join us as we watch this celebration of the bicentennial of the White House hosted by Martin Sheen. Using the actual words of presidents, first ladies, servants and other eye-witnesses, the film highlights two centuries of events that have highlighted this historical building.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 8, Wed. from 10am to noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide a free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am From classical music to the golden oldies, Paul Baran can play them all on his piano accordion. Join us as we enjoy refreshments and "Timeless Musical Treasures."

CONTAINER GARDENS

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 7pm To start up the 2006 Gardening Series, Melissa Mravec, Terrain Designer with Allen Landscape, will present a program on container gardening, co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Pre-register.

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW

Feb. 13, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides from his trip to Prague, Czechoslovakia, Budapest, Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

True Notebooks by Mark Salzman

"The author didn't expect to last long when he very reluctantly allowed himself to be dragooned into teaching a writing class at a juvenile detention facility in Los Angeles, but he was surprised by what he learned and how he came to feel about his students, and you may be too. An engaging and heartfelt account!"

LP/Reference

The Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer

"Nancy Farmer has written another winner! Bards, berserkers, dragons, giant spiders...this has it all. If you like Lord of the Rings mixed with a little Harry Potter, you'll love this!"

JB/Reference

Lucia, Lucia by Adriana Trigiani

"As young women, we made many choices growing up to become the adult women we are today. *Lucia, Lucia* is a look back at Aunt Lu's choices: career or no career, family wants or her wants, marriage or no marriage. She tells her story in a loving and humorous way to a young playwright who asks about her full-length fur coat. There are many heartwarming and heartbreaking moments in the course of her young life as an Italian daughter growing up in Brooklyn in the early 1950's, and many scenes, memories and customs of that era. In addition, Lucia has given us some of her family recipes to enjoy."

VM/Childrens

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 14, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Join us as we discuss *The Rule of Four*, an intriguing intellectual suspense novel starring four students from Princeton, two of whom have links to a mysterious 15th century manuscript which reveals the location of a buried Roman treasure. The story, as written by Ian Caldwell, contains murders, romance, dangers and detection as the four students race to solve the puzzle and stay alive. Pre-register.

GIVING YOUR GARDEN A WAKE-UP CALL

Feb. 16, Thurs. at 7pm In the second of the 2006 Gardening Series, Stan Sims, Purdue University Lake County Extension Director, will discuss soil testing, pH levels, seed catalogs and the soil requirements of specialty plants like azaleas and hydrangeas. Please pre-register for this program co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Commission by calling the library.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Feb. 20, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we tour deserts

from Tucson to the Grand Canyon visiting the high country of Nogales, Tombstone, Flagstaff and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 7pm Nathaniel Hopson, apprentice to famed cabinetmaker, Thomas Chippendale, discovers the corpse of Lord Montfort, clutching a grenadillo box, when he is called upon to build a bookcase for the Lord. The murder of the designer of the box soon follows and Hopson begins a full scale investigation into both murders. Join us as we discuss this old-fashioned detective story: *The Grenadillo Box* by Janet Gleeson. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 27, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Join us as we watch this marvel of wildlife cinematography which captures the life cycle of the Emperor penguin in Antarctica. *March of the Penguins* is suspenseful, mischievous and just plain funny to observe as the penguins breed and protect their hatchlings.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Feb. 2, Thurs. at 6pm From Berlin to Munich and Bavaria visit the museums, the stark reminders at Checkpoint Charlie and the fabulous KaDeWe department store in this tour of Germany. In Munich see the lively Marienplatz pulses with outdoor cafes, shoppers and street musicians.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 16, Thurs. from 1-3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

1ST TIME HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Feb. 18 or 25, Sat. from 10am to noon Karl Wehle from Ginter Realty will present a one day seminar with tips to help the first time buyer in purchasing a home.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Feb. 21, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Mary Higgins Clark's *Mount Vernon Love Story* tells the story of the rekindled love between George and Martha after President Washington steps down and returns to his beloved Mount Vernon home. Pre-register.

WINTER BOOKSALE

Feb. 24 & 25, Fri. from 10am-6pm & Sat. from 9am-5pm The winter book sale will be held in the lower level of the library. Materials for sale include adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tapes and videos. For more information call the library.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

1st-28th Library Lovers' Month A month long celebration of school, public and private libraries of all types.

2nd Hedgehog Day This ancient Roman tradition was the inspiration for Groundhog Day. Romans observed whether a hedgehog emerging from hibernation could see its shadow in the moonlight—if it could, six more weeks of winter were expected.

5th-11th Children's Authors and Illustrators Week To celebrate and recognize authors and illustrators who create books for young people and to promote literacy by inspiring enjoyment of quality literature.

18th Cow Milked While Flying in an Airplane Anniversary February 18, 1930. Elm Farm Ollie became the first cow to fly in an airplane. During the flight, which was attended by reporters, she was milked and the milk was sealed in paper containers and parachuted over St. Louis, MO.

28th England—Shrovetide Pancake Race In Olney, Buckinghamshire, the pancake race has been run since 1445. Competitors must be women over 16 years of age, wearing traditional housewife's costume, including apron and head covering. The women toss and flip the pancakes on griddles while they dash from the marketplace to the parish church.

February Birthdays:

9 - Alice Walker 62 years; born Eatonton, GA in 1944 (author)

19 - Prince Andrew 46 years; born London, England in 1960 (duke)

20 - Sidney Poitier 79 years; born Miami, FL in 1927 (actor)

22 - Steven Irwin 44 years; born Victoria, Australia in 1962 (naturalist)

All information from *Chase's Calendar of Events 2006*

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

QUILTING BEE

Feb. 1 & 15, Wed. at 5:30pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 10, Fri. from 1-3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Feb. 15, Wed. at 7pm George Meschel, a member of the Lyrica Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Orfeo ed Euridice* by Christoph Willibald Gluck. He will present information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

EXPLORE SOUTH CAROLINA

Feb. 16, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Travel South Carolina from the streets of Charleston to a dolphin-watching excursion around Hilton Head. Watch sweet grass baskets being made and spend a day on a shrimp boat.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *Little Children* by Tom Perrotta, a group of young suburban parents, including a stay-at-home dad, a former feminist, and an over-structured mom, find its sleepy existence shattered when a convicted child molester moves back into town and two of the parents have an affair.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Principles of Government* by Charles de Second Montesquieu. This is a selection from the Third Series of Great Books.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1st TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Feb. 7, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:15pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: GERMANY

Feb. 15, Wed. at 7pm Explore Berlin, Munich and Bavaria via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Feb. 22 or 23, Wed. 7pm or Thurs. 10:15am The unusual son of a zookeeper sets sail with his family from India to America. When the ship sinks, Pi and a number of zoo animals escape on a life boat. Join in a discussion of *Life of Pi*, an imaginative novel by Yann Martel. Copies are available at the branch. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Readers are invited to discuss Judith Guest's domestic suspense novel *Killing Time in St. Cloud*. Please pre-register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Feb. 14, Tues. at 2:30pm Celebrate Valentine's Day by joining others to view A & E's Biography of Clark Gable, the undisputed romantic King of Hollywood, projected on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 23, Thurs. from 1:30-4:30pm Participants will learn

the basics of using a computer mouse to navigate a computer screen, fill out forms and more. Space is limited. Pre-register.

The Friends of
Lake County Public Library's
next half-off sale is
Saturday
March 25



Stop by the Book Sale Room
the following days and hours
throughout the year.

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and
Thursday

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Saturday
9:30am - 4pm

219-769-3541, ext 317
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Presidents' Day

**February 20,
2006**

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Gifts and Tributes @ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from September through December.

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2006 Read-a-Thon continues
through February 17, 2006

Help support your school and the
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Foundation with this annual event
to encourage children to read.

Contact your school or
local library
for more information.



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming FEBRUARY 2006



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, play games and make a craft. Pre-school story hour begins February 6th and continues for six weeks. For dates and times, and to pre-register, call the library at 769-3541, ext. 360.

WHO INVENTED IT? AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTORS

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 4pm What do traffic lights, water guns and peanut butter have in common? They were all created by African-Americans! Children will learn about other inventions that were developed by African-Americans, as well as spark their own creativity through games and a craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

TAKE HOME THE GOLD!

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 4pm School aged children, from grades Kindergarten and older, will play a library version of the Olympic Winter Games and "win" medals to take home. There will also be winter stories and a craft. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave.,

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 through Mar. 14, Tuesdays at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

VALENTINE GIFT

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm For children in grades Kindergarten and up, the youngsters will make a gift for their special Valentine while listening to a story or two in our monthly craft program. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 6 through Mar. 13, Mondays at 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

VALENTINE GIFT

Feb. 8, Wed. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up can make a gift for their special Valentine while listening to a story or two in our monthly craft program. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 6 through Mar. 15th, Story time for pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will run for 6 weeks while we share books, games and enjoy finger plays. Sessions will take place on Mondays at 10:30am and be repeated on Wednesdays at 1pm. Pre-register for either of the two sessions.

TIME TRAVELERS

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children, 7 and older, will hear more of *Crispin the Cross of Lead* by Avi and then make a medallion. Pre-register.

VALENTINES FOR TODDLERS

Feb. 10, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months, and their caregivers will hear Valentine stories and make a special Valentine to give on February 14th. Pre-register.

PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE

Feb. 16, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will make cherry refrigerator magnets and learn how to do a penny toss. Pre-register.

BUTTON BUDDIES

Feb. 23, Thurs. at 3:30pm Buttons, beads and pipe cleaners will be turned into little people by children in grades Kindergarten and up. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

Feb. 2 & 16, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in third grade and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and young kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 to March 14, Tuesdays at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week program extending into March filled with stories, music activities, short films and crafts. Please pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Feb. 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more. Pre-register.

ADVENTURES WITH THE LITTLE RED HEN

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 4pm Youngsters from Kindergarten to 6th grade will take part in the story, *The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)* by Philemon Sturges and the story, *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell. Afterwards, children will make and eat miniature cheese pizzas. Pre-register.

DINOSAUR DAYS

Feb. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will travel back in time with stories of dinosaurs, activities with fossils, a dinosaur egg hunt and more. Pre-register.

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 through Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy 6 weeks of stories, songs, crafts, related activities and fun. Highland Library's story hour themes will include Shadows, Chocolate, Feed the Bird, Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss, Teddy Bears, and Pot of Gold. Register for the programs on either Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 10:30am or 1pm. Pre-register.

SHADOWS

Feb. 7 or 8, Tues. at 10:30am, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Don't forget to bring along your shadow to this first program of our 6 week Pre-school Story Hour. This program is for 3 to 5 year olds and will feature books about shadows, active songs and a craft. Pre-register.

COOL AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS

Feb. 8, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children will listen to a story and create a craft to take home. Snacks and materials will be provided. This month they will make bird cookies. Pre-register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 6pm Members of the Highland T.A.B. will enjoy snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER'S VALENTINE

Feb. 13, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and other activities with a Valentine theme. Pre-register.

CHOCOLATE

Feb. 14 or 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Mouthwatering chocolate will be the focus for the stories and activities during the 2nd week of Pre-school Story Hour for children ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

FEED THE BIRDS

Feb. 21 or 22, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy bird stories, songs and finger plays. Each child will make a simple bird feeder to take home to help our feathered friends through the rest of the winter. Pre-register.

TODDLERS: COOKIES!

Feb. 27, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will enjoy sweet stories, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour lap-sit story time for toddlers. Pre-register.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Feb. 28 or Mar. 1, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with stories, songs and related activities. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 to Mar. 15 This is a six week series of story hours for children ages 3 to 5 years that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. The program is offered at 1pm or 6pm on Tuesdays or 10:30am on Wednesdays. Pre-register.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 5pm The Hobart Garden Club will help school age children learn how to prepare for Spring. Pre-register.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 17, Fri. at 10:30am This is a lap-sit story time for children, ages 6 through 35 months with an adult caregiver. Children and adults will be exposed to the many ways of enjoying Mother Goose. Pre-register.

TRI-KAPPA STORY TIME

Feb. 20, Mon. at 10:30am A special story time for children ages 3 to 5 years to observe Tri-Kappa week. A philanthropic group, the Hobart Tri-Kappa members will assist the children with a distinctive craft and provide a treat for all participants. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 6 to 27, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will hear Spring stories, participate in finger plays, songs, and make Spring crafts. Pre-register.

VALENTINES DAY

Feb. 8, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) will hear Valentine stories and make Valentine cards. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 22, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4 through 12) will discuss *The Field Guide* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. This is Book 1 of *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

VALENTINES DAY

Feb. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) will hear Valentine stories and make Valentine cards. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

HOORAY FOR ROBINSON CRUSOE DAY

Feb. 1, Wed. at 4pm Celebrate the anniversary of the rescue of Alexander Selkirk, the Scottish sailor that inspired Daniel Defoe's book *Robinson Crusoe* with games, crafts and other adventurous activities.

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 2, Thurs. at 4pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will provide a chance to help plan upcoming events and sign-ups for volunteer hours. Refreshments will be served.

Terrific 2s & 3s

Feb. 6 & 20, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Kids, ages 2 and 3 with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story time in February at either the 10:15am or 11:15am session. The programs will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 8 & 22, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, and their caregivers are invited to continue our Mother Goose

sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Feb. 14 to Mar. 21, Tues. at 10:30am Little ones, age 4 and 5, are invited to join our 45-60 minute story times in February and March. The programs will include stories, music, a video, a craft and other activities.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Feb. 15, Wed. at 4pm Every four years athletes from around the world gather to test their athletic skills. School aged children, 6 to 11 years old, are invited to test their abilities in celebration of the 20th Winter Olympics with stories about sensational heroes and other challenging activities.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb., Tuesdays or Wednesdays This is a six week session filled with stories, songs, games, crafts and films. The same class will be repeated Tuesdays at 1:30pm and 6:30pm from February 7th through March 14th, as well as on Wednesdays at 6:30pm from February 8th through March 15th. Pre-register for the day and time of your choice.

JIGGLY JELL-O

Feb. 15 or 16, Wed. at 1:30pm or Thurs. at 6:30pm Children will learn trivia about Jell-O, use Jell-O to create colorful masterpieces, and enjoy a Jell-O treat. Pre-registration required.

TODDLER TIME

Feb. 20, Mon. at 11am or 6:30pm Two year olds and their caregivers will hear stories about cookies, play games and decorate cookies for sampling. Pre-registration required.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 to Mar. 14, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, games and crafts during this six week series. Pre-register.

WINTER CRAFT NIGHT

Feb. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Children grades Kindergarten through 3rd will hear *Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and make an assortment of crafts. Pre-register.

Presidents' Day - February 20, 2006

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AhaJokes.com is proud to present...

The United States 100 Years Ago!

Here are some facts for everyone to consider... Just think... If we've come this far in the last hundred years, what could the next hundred years have in store for us?

The average life expectancy in the US was forty-seven (47).

Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

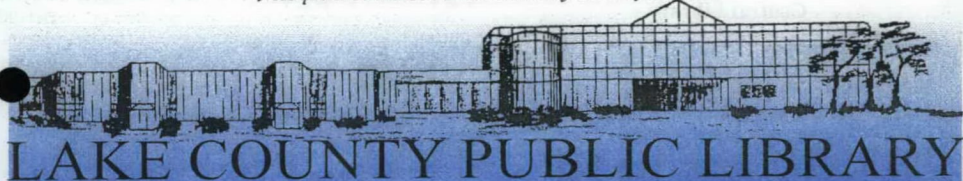
There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

Would you like to know other interesting facts? Check out the Lake County Public Library's home page and click the LakeNET link. You will find LakeNET for Kids. Go ahead, check it out!



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Bedazzled by the Hobart Branch Library!

Has it been a while since you have visited the Hobart Branch Library? If the answer is yes, then get ready to be **dazzled!**

Over the last several months the staff has been eagerly rearranging our collections. Now, our magazines, newspapers, AV materials and some adult books are in new locations. Our purpose?... All to better accommodate our voracious readers and dedicated movie lovers by providing more room for new materials. As you browse through our collections, you are sure to find something that suits **any of** your tastes.

March is also that time of year when the Hobart Branch offers instructional computer classes. Last fall, the classes had an overwhelming response. So, once again, we are pleased to provide our *Meet the Mouse, Basic Windows, Navigating the Net* and *Dabble the Databases* on several occasions.

For those unfamiliar with these classes, or the computer in general, then *Meet the Mouse* is the perfect place to start. This session takes the novice through the proper steps of using a mouse and the parts of a computer. The next class is *Basic Windows*, which takes you further into the computer and its capabilities in word processing. *Navigating the Net* is even more fun as it explores the Internet and all its possibilities (but really only those that fit within this two hour class time!)

Our more advanced computer users and students will find *Dabble the Databases* advantageous in completing research, both for school and personal gain. The Lake County Public Library subscribes to a wide variety of reputable online databases providing biographical, medical and genealogical information, as well as business and investment

resources - and much, much more. Librarian Brenda Thompson will dazzle attendees as she educates you on all the information sitting at your fingertips.

Due to numerous requests in 2005, the Hobart staff created a brand new class specifically for those new to email. *Introduction to Email* will review free email services such as Yahoo! Mail or Hotmail, along with the process of creating an account and sending emails. However, as this is a more advanced computer class, participants should complete the *Meet the Mouse, Basic Windows* and *Navigating the Net* classes before attending an *Introduction to Email*.

Of course, if you are tired of working on a computer all day long and would rather relax with a book, perhaps you would enjoy an afternoon or evening sharing your thoughts at our monthly book discussion. On March 21, at either 2pm or 7pm, Maeve Binchy fans are invited to share their opinions on her popular book *Quentins* while enjoying gourmet coffee and other refreshments.

Additionally, we are having a Library Film Festival in March. Every Thursday at 2pm (beginning March 9), the library will show a popular classic movie on our big screen TV. Popcorn and other refreshments will most certainly be served! Stop by to see the list of the movies and show times.

We always have something for everyone at the Hobart Branch; from young kids to seniors. Drop by, take a long look around, talk to the staff and see just what your local library has to offer. We guarantee you will be amazed at all there is to see and do.

Carol Gutjahr-Daumer
Hobart Branch Manager

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Call to set up an appointment.

PROM DRESS EVENT

Wondering what to do with all those prom and semi-formal dresses hanging in the closet? You can donate them for the Tri Kappa 5th Annual High School Prom Dress Resale Event where teens can purchase these gowns at a nominal price making it possible to attend their prom. And, its tax deductible; the donation slips will be available at the library for you. Simply drop off that lovely formal at the front desk between February 20th and March 9th at the main library in Merrillville. The dress sale itself will take place at Purdue Calumet's Alumni Hall from 10am to 1pm on March 11th (student ID required for dress purchase). For more information contact Barb Anthony at 836-8250.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 1, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Beginning computer users will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse. Our new 3-hour format will allow more time for practice. Pre-register, ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 8, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm The next step for the beginner – learn about the keyboard, the Windows desktop and basic word processing skills. Our new 3-hour format will allow more time for practice. Pre-register, ext. 346.

CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

Mar. 8 & 15, Wed. from 5:30 to 7:30pm Join your fellow community members in meaningful dialogue on race and diversity. Co-sponsored by Purdue University Race Relations Council of NWI, trained facilitators will lead participants through a series of interactive discussions to help them learn new ways to confront racism and address race issues in our communities. Refreshments will be provided. The sessions will continue next month on April 5th & 19th. Cost is free, but participants must register by calling J. Allen Johnsen of the Race Relations Council at 880-0043 or by email racerelationscouncil@earthlink.net.

FINANCIAL LITERACY: WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Mar. 8 & 15, Wed. from 7pm to 8:30pm This class is for those who need

help in understanding banking and credit in the United States. During two class sessions, experienced bankers from Centier Bank will use the FDIC Money Smart Education Curriculum to discuss the basic skills needed to open a bank account and build a relationship with a financial institution. Learn banking and credit terms, understand what types of accounts are offered and know why credit is important. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Guns, Germs and Steel: the Fates of Human Societies* by Jared Diamond. Why is it that some societies have so much of the world's goods and others have so little? This author's answer may surprise you! Pre-register.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: UNDERSTANDING IRAN

Mar. 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm. The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an information discussion introduced by a short video presentation. There is a one-time \$5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call the library 219-769-3541, ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 15, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Beginners will explore the library's website and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Our new 3-hour format will allow more time for practice. Pre-register, 346.

GARDENING SERIES

March 21, Tues. at 7pm. This month is the kick-off of the 2006 Gardening Series featuring Master Gardeners from the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardener, Lisa Ledger will be discussing "Herbs." Sponsored by Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending these programs. Pre-register, ext 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Mar. 22, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Learn how to search for a book, a video, or a CD using our online catalog. Place your own "holds" and renew items. You will use the skills that you learned in previous classes. Bring your library card. Pre-register, ext. 346.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 6:30pm Sponsored by Purdue Extension's NIPN (Northwest Indiana Professional Network) and The Market Connection, educators Brad Clinehens and Kris Parker will demonstrate successful ways of addressing conflict through the art of aligning common needs to solve common problems. This final training session of Purdue Extension's Leadership...The Engine That Drives Change, is open to the public, no reservation required, and there is no fee. For more detailed information call Brad Clinehens at 755-3240, Kris Parker at 465-3555 ext. 27, or Valerie Kennedy at 736-7493.

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Ask a Librarian

Q: Where can I find a list of speakers? I am in charge of obtaining a speaker for my club.

A: The Lake County Public Library compiles a list of speakers in their **Guide to Speakers** booklet. This booklet provides a small sample of the many speakers available in our surrounding communities. More organizations and more topics can be found by going to LakeNet, the information connection for Lake County www.lakenetnew.org. Lake County Public Library, librarian, Lynn Jackson, is the coordinator of the LakeNet site. Contact her to be included in our list of speakers

EATING ALONE AND LOVING IT

Mar. 27, Mon. at 2pm Part of the Consumer & Family Sciences Education Programs of Purdue University, Corrine E. Powell will explain how eating alone doesn't mean you have to sacrifice good nutrition and tasty food. This lesson will explain how you can make dining alone enjoyable and healthy. Pre-register, ext. 315.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
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MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Mary "Harry" Haristeen, postmistress of Rozet, likes to read the postcards and nobody minds. One day the richest contractor in town gets a postcard with a stone angel tombstone that says "Wish you were here." Soon after, his body is in his cement mixer. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Wish You Were Here* by Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mar. 2, Thurs. from 3:30 to 5pm Chess players, age 10 years through adults, are welcome to join Christian Martinez in establishing a new chess club. Brush up on your skills or bring your expertise to the game. Chess sets will be available for use. Pre-register.

STAMP CAMP

Mar. 14, Tues. at 6:30pm Spring is the theme for stamping cards and gift packages with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! There is a \$5 fee for the cost of materials due at the time of the class. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 15, Wed. at 7pm Enter the Whistle-Stop Café in the middle of the depression and be surprised by "love, laughter, sorrow, joy and recipes." Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Café* by Fannie Flagg. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 27, Mon. at 1pm Monty Roberts is a real-life horse whisperer who started riding at the age of two. He later followed the California rodeo circuit, which somehow leads to demonstrating his training methods to the Queen of England. Join us for dessert as we discuss *The Man Who Listens to Horses*. The books will be available after Feb. 27th when pre-registration begins.



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Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. Counselors are not able to prepare business or farm taxes. Sessions are by appointment only on Wednesdays and Fridays for the following dates from 1 to 5pm: March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 & 31. Please call the library to make an appointment.

SCRAP BOOKING

Mar. 1, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. Kathy Burdick, a scrap booking consultant, will provide the necessary materials. A fee of \$5 covers the cost of supplies and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants must be 12 or older and will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH

Mar. 6, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint Out on a Limb. A fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Mar. 14, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore *Ireland & the Journeys of the Celtic Legends*. Through video travel we will delve into the mythology of the Celtic culture that gave birth to the legend of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Mar. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. This memoir describes a very unusual family headed by self-absorbed, neglectful and borderline abusive parents. But their knack for turning hardships into adventure earned their daughter's love. Wall's absorbing story follows her life from childhood to adulthood without pity or judgment.

PAT & BRUSH

Mar. 18, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Ducks on the Wing. A fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

ROLLICKIN' RAINBOWS

Mar. 20, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will enjoy a variety of colorful activities, including making their own 'rainbow toast.' Pre-register.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Mar. 21, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn how to prepare meals in a flash. They will explore quick fixes for a healthy lifestyle and fast meal preparation to meet the needs of a busier-than-ever lifestyle. Corinne Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator will present this program. Pre-register.

SPRING BREAK

Mar. 24, Fri. at 3:30pm Teens will celebrate with a variety of food, games and other activities.

TRAVEL THE WORLD: THE COLORADO RIVER

Mar. 28, Tues. at 2pm Without leaving home viewers will explore the Glen Canyon and the Grand Canyon, the most spectacular of the Colorado River. Refreshments will be served.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS

RSVP volunteers will assist seniors in filing their taxes by appointment only. Appointments are available on Wednesdays (2pm to 5pm), Thurs-

the Staff Recommends@ your library

New Databases

Grolier Online

Grolier Online is the gateway to three popular print sources that are now searchable online. *America the Beautiful* with state-by-state history and current events is geared towards elementary and middle school students. The other two titles are intended for middle and high school users. *Lands and Peoples* is an encyclopedia of countries, cultures and current events. *The New Book of Popular Science* is a good overview of the subject featuring science in the news.

Library PressDisplay

Read over 200 newspapers from 50 different countries most in native languages and many that can be translated to ten major foreign languages. Read the newest dates or catch up on the past two months of news.

Marquis Who's Who on the Web

Who's Who features 1.2 million biographical sketches of accomplished individuals from all fields of endeavor: government, business, science and technology, the arts, entertainment, and sports. Biographies, since 1985, that have been included in 20 Marquis print *Who's Who* titles are now searchable in this database. Recently digitized biographies from *Who Was Who in America (1607-1985)* are now available online as *Who's Who in American History (1607-present)*.

Stop in at any of our libraries today and try one of our new databases. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Department at 769-3541.

days (1pm to 5pm), Fridays (1pm to 5pm) and Saturdays (mornings only) through April 15, 2006. Call the library at 838-2394 for an appointment.

HISTORY VIDEO

Mar. 6, Mon., 2pm & 6:30pm *Half the People* is a film depicting how women broke down barriers of gender to govern nations, lead corporations and confront the abortion issue. From the Women's Suffrage movement in 1920 through today's generation of empowered women, you will see how women achieved equal rights. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 8, Wed. from 10am to noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide a free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Welcome former weather broadcaster Roger Triemstra back to our morning hour! By request, Roger will be back to warm us with tales of his travels to the Amazon. Enjoy the color and

rare beauty of the Amazon through his slides and unique perspectives. Pre-register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, who are in 6th grade or older, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants earn volunteer hours.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 7pm As part of our 2006 Gardening Series, Doug Werner, Landscape Architect with Allen Landscape, will discuss how to formulate a landscape design for your home. Pre-register.

NATIONAL PARKS

Mar. 13, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will present slides from his trip to the western National Parks in Utah, Wyoming and Colorado on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 14, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we discuss this "coming of age" story set in a small Texas town in the 1950s. In *The Last Picture Show* by Larry McMurtry, characters Duane, Sonny and Jacy, a trio of amusing but lovable characters, are on the rocky road to adulthood. The closing of the local movie house represents a major turning point in their lives, as well as in the lives of all the townspeople. Copies of the book will be available beginning February 14th. Pre-register.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A LAWN

Mar. 16, Thurs. at 7pm Stan Sims, Purdue University Extension Director, will discuss the criteria to institute and maintain grass. In this entry for our 2006 Gardening Series, co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, soil preparation, seed vs. sod, how and when to seed, lawn maintenance, fertilization and crab grass control are all topics of discussion. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Mar. 20, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Israel Today* is a blend of the ancient and modern, the religious and secular, dramatic deserts, and spectacular seashores. Walk along the Sea of Galilee, through Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. See the Wailing Wall, Masada, the Dome of the Rock, the Dead Sea and much more. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 7pm Written by Julia Spencer-Fleming, *In the Bleak Midwinter* is an award winning book. Follow the exploits of Clare Ferguson, a former military helicopter pilot and rookie Episcopalian priest who is on the trail of the killer of an abandoned newborn's mother and abusive father. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 27, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Ray* is the story of Ray Charles' rise from humble beginnings, his struggle to excel in a sighted world and the eventual defeat of his own personal demons. This is an inspiring, true story of human triumph. Pre-register.

AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Mar. 29 & 30, Wed. & Thurs. from 10am to 2pm AARP Representative,

June Laws, will present this two day driver training class designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. A fee of \$10 per person is due at the time of registration by check or money order made payable to AARP. Participants may bring a snack and beverage. Registration is in person only at the library.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

HOBART FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrate cinematic history @ the Hobart library watching classic movies and enjoying refreshments. Starting at 2pm view the 1933 film *King Kong* on March 9th, the 1953 epic *War of the Worlds* on March 16th, 1995's *Apollo 13* on March 23rd, and the 1975 showing of *Jaws* on March 30th, all on our big screen tv.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 16, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Mar. 21, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Maeve Binchy's *Quintessence* will bring back memories of that favorite family restaurant. Come share your memories with the group. Read this month's fun filled book and see what special treats we serve up. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 22, Wed. from 10am to noon An introductory computer class which teaches participants how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Please pre-register as attendance is limited.

BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 24, Fri. from 10am to noon Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Mar. 28, Tues. from 2pm to 4pm Participants who have mastered the "Meet the Mouse" and "Basic Windows" classes will learn how to create an email account with Yahoo Mail. The class will also educate users on sending and receiving mail, the address book and other basic email functions. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

1st-31st American Red Cross Month To make the public aware of American Red Cross service in the community. There are nearly 900 Red Cross offices nationwide; each local office plans its own activities. www.redcross.org

3rd Japan: Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) This special festival for girls is observed throughout Japan.

12th Great Blizzard of '88 One of the most devastating blizzards to hit the north-eastern US began in the early hours of Monday, March 12, 1888. A snowfall of 40-50 inches, accompanied by gale-force winds, left drifts as high as 30-40 feet. More than 400 persons died in the storm.

22nd International Goof-Off Day A day of relaxation and a time to be oneself; a day for some good-humored fun and some good-natured silliness. Everyone needs one special day each year to goof off.

Birthdays:

5th Penn Jillette-51 years-born Greenfield, MA 1955-magician

12th Liza Minnelli-60 years-born Las Angeles, CA 1946-singer/actor

13th William H. Macy-56-born Miami, FL 1950-actor

25th Paul Michael Glaser-63-born Cambridge, MA 1943-actor/director

Information from *Chase's 2006 Calendar of Events*

Hobart Branch...continued

DABBLE THE DATABASES

Mar. 29, Wed. from 2pm to 4pm Have you ever wondered how to use the library databases? Well now is the time to come in and see what we have to offer and how these fun information helpers work. Pre-register as attendance is limited.

TEEN MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 31, Fri. at 2pm Not going anywhere warm and sunny for spring break? Then come spend an afternoon watching (and laughing at) the classic movie, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (PG13) at the Hobart Library. Refreshments will be served.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtpage.htm

QUILTING BEE

Mar. 1, Wed. from 1pm to 3pm Quilters of all skill levels are encour-

aged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 10, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 29, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss the book *Coraline*, a spooky fairy tale by Neil Gaiman. The story centers around a girl named Coraline who discovers a door in her new home that leads to a parallel universe. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtpage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster

PROM DRESS EVENT

Wondering what to do with all those prom and semi-formal dresses hanging in the closet? You can donate them for the Tri Kappa 5th Annual High School Prom Dress Resale Event where teens can purchase these gowns at a nominal price making it possible to attend their prom. And, its tax deductible; the donation slips will be available at the library for you. Simply drop off that lovely formal at the front desk between February 20th and March 9th at the Munster Branch. The dress sale itself will take place at Purdue Calumet's Alumni Hall from 10am to 1pm on March 11th (student ID required for dress purchase). For more information contact Barb Anthony at 836-8250.

A PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE

Mar. 2, Thurs. at 4pm March 1, 2006 is the 45th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Meet Lynn W. Zimmerman, Ph.D., who served as a volunteer in Poland for two years. Using a multimedia presentation, she will talk about Poland, the Peace Corps and her experiences teaching English as a foreign language to Polish high school students.

THE HEALING GARDEN

Mar. 8, Wed. at 7pm Zahida Saleem has practiced and taught horticulture for the past several years. The overall goal of a healing garden is to improve the mental, physical, and social ability among all age groups, especially seniors. The healing garden strives to increase independence, self-worth and hope. Pre-register.

EXPLORE WASHINGTON

Mar. 16, Thurs. at 2pm Discover the beauty and culture of the state of Washington. Visit majestic Mount Rainier, the recovery of Mount St. Helens, the Hoh Rain Forest, Pacific Ocean coastline, prairies and farmlands and many more beautiful attractions.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Recently made into a movie starring Julianne Moore, *The Prizewinner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan tells the story of how Evelyn Ryan raised 10 children and found an ingenious way of providing for her family by entering contests on the backs of cereal boxes and the like. Ryan tells the entertaining story of her childhood and her mother's contest career with humor and affection.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Mar. 30, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 7, Tues. from 10:30am to 1:30pm Beginners will paint *A Regal Lily* in this class taught by an experienced instructor. Class fee of \$12 covers the cost of all materials. Pre-register.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Mar. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: PERU

Mar. 15, Wed. at 7pm Experience the history and culture of Peru via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Mar. 22 or 23, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Philip Roth portrays a college professor with a controversial past in *The Human Stain*. Join in a discussion of this powerful novel. Copies are available at the branch. Pre-register.

AMP CAMP

Mar. 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on two or three spring projects created with rubber stamps. A \$5 fee, due at the time of the class, covers the cost of all supplies provided. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 1, Wed. at 1:30pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, windows, desktop, word processing and finding help. Participants should know how to use the mouse. Pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 2, Thurs. at 1:30pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic mousing skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Pre-register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Join the Mystery Book Discussion Group as we look into the mystery *Seven Black Stones* by Jean Hager. Molly Bearpaw of the tribal police investigates the murders of several Cherokees. All died after finding piles of seven black stones near their homes – the sign of an ancient curse. Pre-register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Mar. 14, Tues. at 1:30pm When Knute Rockne died, the President called it a "national loss." Join us for a video biography of the successful coach of Notre Dame's Fighting Irish. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

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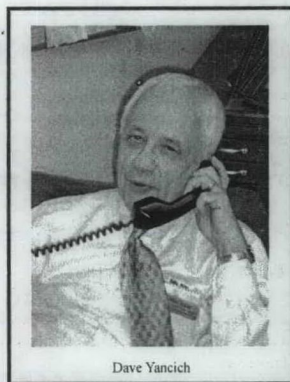
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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

It is with a great deal of fondness that those who know and work with Dave Yancich bid him farewell and best regards. A librarian at heart, he has spent 38 years in the literary community insuring the financial health, as well as maintenance and construction, of buildings hosting the written word. Previously, he had taken on financial responsibility as Controller for the Gary Library, proceeding on to the Hammond Library System as Head of Administrative Services. His degrees in Business and Administration from Indiana University and Purdue University have served the Lake County Public Library system well. Over the past 10 years his business acumen has ensured the proficient physical operation of all 12 facilities, the opening of three new library structures and the consolidation of two inadequate quarters. Dave's expertise, hands-on management and unfailing sense of humor will be missed.



Dave Yancich

The newly appointed Head of Operations & Maintenance is John Brock. Holding a Master's Degree for Library Science, he started his career in 1989 at the Johnson County Library system in Franklin, IN. Most recently he has been the Director for the Starke County Library. The Lake County Public Library is fortunate to be able to attract such a highly experienced professional and we offer John a warm welcome!



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming MARCH 2006



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

CELEBRATE READING WITH SEUSS

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade will listen to picture books and participate in other activities in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America. Pre-register, ext. 360

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Babies and toddlers, ages 6 months to 35 months, with their mothers or caregivers, will participate in this fast paced half-hour program with lots of rhymes, songs, stories and music makers. These events will take place on Mondays & Tuesdays at either 9:30am or 10:15am on March 20, 21, 27, 28 through April 3, 4, 10 and 11. Pre-register, ext. 360.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 4pm School-age children, from Kindergarten and older, will welcome the coming of spring by making a simple bird house for our returning feathered friends. There will also be stories and games to celebrate the warmer weather. Pre-register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave.,

Gary 844-8809

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 7 & 14, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school story hour continues through the first two weeks of March with children ages 3 to 5 enjoying a different theme each week. Pre-register to attend.

LEPRECHAUN'S GOLD

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm Hear the story of *The Leprechaun's Gold* and design your own leprechaun to bring you luck! Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 6 & 13, Mon. at 1:30pm Pre-school story hour continues through the first two weeks of March with children ages 3 to 5 enjoying a different theme each week. Pre-register to attend.

LEPRECHAUN'S GOLD

Mar. 8, Wed. at 4pm Hear the story of *The Leprechaun's Gold* and design your own leprechaun to bring you luck! Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

DR. SEUSS & OTHER FOOLIES

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in Kindergarten and up will participate in a play featuring Dr. Seuss characters and then have a dessert egg. Register for the program starting March 1st by calling the library at 838-2825.

TIME TRAVELERS

Mar. 16, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children, 7 and older, will construct a paper stained glass window after hearing more of *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*. Pre-register.

BROWN BAG KITES

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children will learn how to turn paper sacks into kites. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

Mar. 25, Sat. at 10:30am Children will test their knowledge of the fifth book in the *Harry Potter* series by answering trivia questions. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

Mar. 2 & 16, Thurs. at 4pm Youngsters in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 7 & 14, Tues. at 10:30am A continuation of the 6 week program for 3 to 5 year olds to enjoy stories, music activities, short films and crafts. Each program will last between 45 minutes to an hour. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Mar. 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more! Pre-register.

MARVELOUS MUSIC

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 4pm In honor of "Music in our Schools" month, children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will participate in a variety of musical activities including making maracas and singing along with a karaoke machine. Everyone who attends will receive a kazoo! Pre-register.

ROLLICKIN' RAINBOWS

Mar. 20, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will enjoy a variety of colorful activities and craft their own rainbow toast. Pre-register.

CRAFT CORNER

Mar. 23, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will be provided with a variety of craft materials so that they can create their own unique masterpiece. Painting with yarn will be the main project this month. Pre-register.

SPRING BREAK

Mar. 24, Fri. at 3:30pm Teens will celebrate with a variety of food, games and other activities.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

RE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 1 to 15, Tues. & Wed. Pre-school story hour for 3 to 5 year old children continues into March with more stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun. Story hour themes include Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss, Teddy Bears, and Pot of Gold. Don't miss out! Register for the March merriment for Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at either 10:30am or 1pm.

TEDDY BEAR PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 7 & 8, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children ages 3 to 5 may bring their favorite stuffed friend to help them enjoy stories, songs and related activities. Pre-register.

COOL AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS

Mar. 8, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children will celebrate "Fly a Kite Month" by listening to a story and creating a special kite to take home. Snacks and materials will be provided. Pre-register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, who are in 6th grade or older, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants earn volunteer hours.

TODDLERS: ME & MY TEDDY BEAR

Mar. 13, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers may bring their favorite stuffed bear friends to help them enjoy this ½ hour story time about teddy bears for 2 year olds and their caregivers. Pre-register.

POT OF GOLD PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 14 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, please join us as we search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow through stories, songs, and related activities. Pre-register.

TODDLERS: SHOWERS & FLOWERS

Mar. 27, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers will enjoy spring time tales, active songs, and a simple craft during this ½ hour story time designed especially for 2 year olds and their caregivers. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 1 through 15 This is a six week series of story hours for children ages 3 to 5 years, that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. The program is offered at 1pm or 6pm on Tuesdays or 10:30am on Wednesdays. Pre-register.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Mar. 9, Thurs. at 5pm School age children will learn about spring gardens. A spring garden craft will be completed by the participants. Pre-register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 17 to Apr. 7, Fri. at 10:30am Lap-sit story times for children ages 6 to 35 months olds and an adult caregiver. Children and adults will learn the many ways to enjoy Mother Goose. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 6 & 13, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will hear spring stories, participate in finger plays, songs and make spring crafts. Pre-register.

ROLLICKING FUN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM

Mar 15, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, grades Kindergarten to 4, will hear St. Patrick's Day stories, listen to Irish music, and create Lucky Clover Leprechaun Finder Bookmarks. There will be a Leprechaun Treasure Hunt and cookies and Leprechaun juice will be served. Pre-register.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 29, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4-12) will discuss the book *Coraline*, a "spooky fairy tale" by Neil Gaiman. The story centers around a girl name Coraline, who discovers a door in her new home that leads to a parallel universe. Refreshments will be served. Please pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

ROLLICKING FUN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM

Mar 16, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, grades Kindergarten to 4th, will hear St. Patrick's Day stories, listen to Irish music and create lucky Clover Leprechaun Finder Bookmarks while participating in a Leprechaun Treasure Hunt. Cookies and Leprechaun juice will be served. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SUPERCALAFRAGILISTICEXPEALADOCIOUS

Mar. 1, Wed. at 4pm Grab your umbrella and join the fun as we explore P. L. Travers' *Mary Poppins* with chalk, mad libs, and laughter.

YA SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 2, Thurs. at 3:45pm March 1st is the 45th anniversary of the Peace Corps. In addition to our monthly YA (Young Adult) meeting, Lynn Zimmerman, Ph.D., who served as a volunteer in Poland for two years will use a multimedia presentation to share her experiences in Poland, the Peace Corps and teaching English as a foreign language to Polish high school students. Refreshments will be served.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Mar. 6 & 20, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times in March. The programs will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Mar. 7, 14, 21, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to continue our 45-60 minute story time sessions. The programs will include stories, music, a video, a craft and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 8 & 22, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 6 to 23 months are invited to continue our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

Mar. 15, Wed. at 4pm Everybody has ideas. Come tell us yours as we celebrate "International Idea" month and honor all ideas whether they be large, small, great, or not-so-great, with stories, games and a craft that will be sure to stretch the imagination.

ORTICULTURE IN A KID'S WORLD

Mar. 28, Tues. at 1pm Children ages 5 to 12 will learn how to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers that attract butterflies and birds. Instructor Zahida Saleem will also emphasize the added emotional and intellectual benefits of gardening. Pre-register.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VAN GOGH

Mar. 29, Wed. at 4pm Help celebrate the 153rd birthday of famous Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh. We will hear fantastic stories with beautiful illustrations and make our own works of art.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 1 to 15, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am A continuation of the 6 week program for 3 to 5 year olds filled with stories, songs, games, crafts and films. Pre-register.

MOTHER GOOSE

Mar. 21 or 28, Tues. at 10:15am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months old, along with their caregivers are invited to a circle time program featuring rhymes, stories and hands-on activities. Pre-register for the time that best meets your schedule.

CRAFTY FAMILIES

Mar. 30, Thurs. at 1:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up, along with their adult helpers, will learn to make paper roses and choose from a variety of other crafts. Space is limited. Advanced registration and a valid Lake County Public Library card required. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 363-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 7 & 14, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, games and crafts during this continuation of the six week series. Pre-register.

FLOAT INTO SPRING BREAK

Mar. 24, Fri. from 3 to 5pm To celebrate the beginning of Spring Break, teens from grades 6 and up are invited to an afternoon of reading, games and ice cream floats. Pre-register.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th



Your Craft Page

This craft and many others may be found on the LakeNET link (choose LakeNET for Kids icon) found on Lake County Public Library's Home Page at www.lakeco.lib.in.us

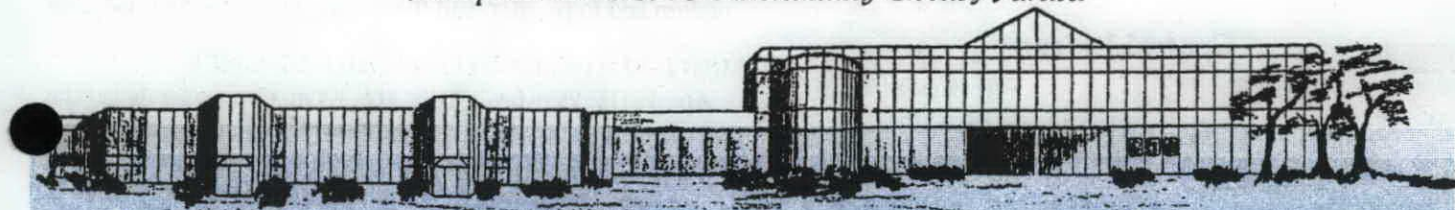
WINNIE THE POOH CRAFT



You'll need:

a toilet paper roll,
a printer, (to copy this page)
paper,
crayons,
glue and scissors.

Color the pieces as appropriate and cut them out.
Glue the large rectangular piece around the toilet paper tube and the smaller rectangle around the top for the shirt.
Glue on the face, arms, legs.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Read a Good Book Lately?

When it comes to getting your hands on a tantalizing book, the library is the place to be! Many of the branches of the Lake County Public Library offer monthly book discussions to help you find your way. Just look inside this newsletter for an incredible variety and style of books to read. Try titles you might not otherwise read – some you'll like, some you won't, but you can still share your opinions with the discussion group.

We in the Calumet Township branches try to have something for everyone. At the Forty First Ave Branch, at 12:30 on the second Monday of each month, we discuss a Mystery. Police procedurals, suspense, old classics, such as Sherlock Holmes, are examined under a magnifying glass. Of course, to keep up our strength, cake and coffee is served (though maybe we should have donuts). A deerstalker hat and meerschaum pipe is not required to attend. Travel to England, the Southwest, New England – somewhere, someone has been murdered – can you figure out whodunit before the author tells you?

Thrillers not your cup of tea? Then perhaps you should try the Griffith Branch. This discussion group meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month to chat about a general fiction title. Once again cake and coffee accompanies our discussion of *Fried Green Tomatoes* or *The Persian Pickle Club* or *The Secret Life of Bees*, to name some coming and past titles. Deep academic dissertations are not the order of the day.

Instead, we talk about what we like, and like, about a book and its characters and wonder if the author couldn't have changed things just a bit. Modern day America, the Dust Bowl Midwest, yesterday-when-we-were-young – travel in time and place to new

experiences.

For those who prefer some their reading to be more grounded in facts, the Griffith Branch meets on the last Monday of each month at 1:00 in the afternoon cover topics such as a real life horse whisperer in *The Man Who Listens to Horses*, or the full story behind the movie *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Of course, cake and coffee are at hand. (In case you haven't yet gotten the hint: at any of our discussions, even if you don't like this month's book, come for cake and coffee!)

**Mysteries/Thrillers
Fiction/Real Life
One Region One Book
Young Peoples' Novels
All these
book discussions can be
found at your local
Calumet Township
Branches—
the places to be!**

Once a year all our libraries participate in the One Region/One Book discussion. Here's an opportunity to read and discuss a title that hundreds of people are reading at the same time. In addition to discussing the book at the Library, you might get a chance to discuss it while waiting in line at the grocery store. Titles in past years include: *A Lesson Before Dying*, *A Girl Named Zippy*, and *Big Fish*. Keep an eye open for this year's title coming in October.

Contrary to popular belief, book discussions don't have to be just for grownups. The *Harry Potter* books entice children and young people into the library to talk about what they've read without the pressures of writing a book report for a grade. Here children learn about reading; talking about what's been read can be fun, too! In March, the Griffith discussed *The Order of the Phoenix*, and this summer we'll be on the trail of the *Prisoner of Azkaban*.

So stimulate your mind and join us for a great discussion or two! Hope to see you here!

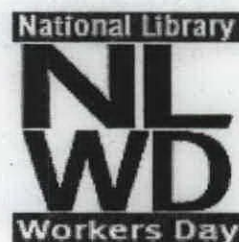
Mark Furukawa
Branch Manager
Calumet Township

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National Library Workers Day

Tuesday, April 4th



Libraries work because of
the people who work in
them!

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

PUT IT IN WRITING@YOUR LIBRARY

Libraries are places of lifelong learning and opportunity that can help people discover the world. An initiative sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), Put It In Writing @ Your Library, provides the chance for library patrons to submit their stories to be published in Woman's Day Magazine. Simply email your story of 700 words or less to womansday@ala.org no later than May 10, 2006. Four stories will be featured in an upcoming issue of the magazine. Need help? Speak with one of our Reference Librarians!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 3-8, "Change your world @ your library!" Celebrate National Library Week with a visit to the Central Library and submit your entry for a chance to win our Reader's Gift Basket. Join us for refreshments in the meeting rooms from 10am to 4pm Saturday where the grand prize drawing will be held at 4pm.

CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

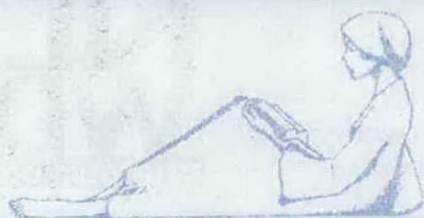
Apr. 5 & 19, Wed. from 5:30-7:30pm Join your fellow community members in meaningful dialogue on race and diversity. Co-sponsored by Purdue University Race Relations Council of NWI, trained facilitators will lead participants through a series of interactive discussions to help them learn new ways to confront racism and address race issues in our communities. Refreshments will be provided. Cost is free, but participants must register by calling J. Allen Johnsen of the Race Relations Council at 880-0043 or by email racerepresentationscouncil@earthlink.net.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION:

GLOBAL ENERGY OUTLOOK

Apr. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm. The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an information discussion introduced by a short video presentation. There is a one-time \$5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call the library 219-769-3541, ext. 339

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

AMERICAN MEN OF MYSTERY

information and to register, call the library 219-769-3541, ext. 339

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Apr. 11, 18, 25, May 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Classes for those who are studying to become a United States Citizen are being offered. Larry Sharp, the Executive Director of the International Institute, will assist students to prepare for the test and the interview with an immigration officer. Register by calling ext. 309.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II* by Robert Kurson. A sunken U-boat shouldn't have been, and supposedly couldn't have been, in the spot where it was discovered, 230 feet beneath the Atlantic Ocean and 60 miles off the coast of New Jersey. Two courageous (foolhardy?) divers take on a 6 year quest to find out what happened. Register to attend on ext. 309.

2ND FRIDAY CLUB

Apr. 14, Fri. at 9:30am This month's meeting, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature a presentation by Kathy Bradshaw, Vice President of Wealth Management, to discuss saving strategies when it comes to income and taxes. For details call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

SWEET ADELINES: A NIGHT OF WONDERFUL SINGING

April 17, Mon. at 7pm Bring your friends and family to an evening of remarkable singing and entertainment! The Sweet Adelines, an all-female group dedicated to promoting and preserving barbershop singing, will be here to sing the night away. Register to attend at ext. 317.

GROWING VEGETABLES

Apr. 18, Tues. at 7pm Growing fresh, healthy and tasty vegetables may be easier than you think. Master Gardener William Tobin will provide invaluable instruction for the novice, as well as the experienced, gardener. Register to attend by calling ext. 317.

SOUTH SHORE POSTERS: PAST & PRESENT

Apr. 20, Thurs. at 6:30pm Steve McShane, co-author of *Moonlight in Duneland*, will show a slide presentation of the South Shore posters from the 1920s. Mitch Markovitz, artist and illustrator of the "Just Around the Corner" poster series, will then discuss the South Shore Railroad and the Millennium South Shore Project. Mr. Markovitz is also former South Shore conductor and engineer. Register to attend by calling ext. 334.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your.library.

Ask a librarian

Q: What is the best way to store coffee?

A: The enemies of roasted coffee are moisture, air, light and extreme cold and heat. An airtight container stored in a cool, dry place is the best way to store coffee. Coffee stays fresh if used within two weeks. Coffee beans are at their peak within 24 to 72 hours after roasting and begin to quickly lose their flavor. For the best tasting coffee, buy your beans whole and store them in a sealed container. Grind the beans right before serving. Medium ground coffee is best for basket-drip coffee makers. For more information about coffee, browse the books in the 641.6373 area of the library. One especially helpful coffee book is *The Complete Coffee Book: A Gourmet Guide to Buying, Brewing and Cooking* by Sara Perry.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Who would think middle-aged widow Sheila Mallory, published expert on 19th century English novelists, could be involved with murder, and be "possessed of an insatiable curiosity." Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Mrs. Mallory Investigates* by Hazel Holt. Register to attend.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Join us as we journey with Nicky Jack to the sleepy town of DeClare, Oklahoma, in *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts. The story concerns Nicky's return to the town of his birth 30 years after being abducted. He is searching to find the truth about his birth mother's murder. Register to attend.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 19, Wed. at 7pm Using their feisty humor, two century old sisters that were the children of a slave in North Carolina, recall their lives and a changing America. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* by Sarah & Elizabeth Delany. Register to participate.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Mon. at 1pm Twenty years before, Mitch Albom learned a lot from his college professor and mentor, Morrie Schwartz. Now he has a final lesson as he visits each week with the dying Morrie. *Tuesdays with Morrie* was a best-seller in 1997 and a movie in 1999. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of this wonderful book. Register to participate.



Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

PAT & BRUSH

Apr. 1, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Poppies on Velour Board." A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to participate.

BE AN INSTANT PRIZE WINNER!

Apr. 3-8 To celebrate National Library Week, teens can check out a book from a special teen display. If the book chosen is one of the selected winners, a prize will be awarded at check-out. There are at least 10 winning books. Join the fun!

CHANGE YOUR WORLD @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Library Week with stories, crafts, and food from around the world. Children may wear their pajamas for a comfy and fun time! Register to attend.

KNITTING CLASS

Apr. 3, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Apr. 5, 7, 12, Wed. and Fri. 1pm-5pm By appointment only, tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. Counselors will not prepare business or farm taxes. To schedule your appointment call the library.

SCRAP BOOKING

Apr. 5, Wed. 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. A fee of \$5 covers the cost of materials provided by scrap booking consultant and is due at the time of class. Register to attend.

PAT & BRUSH

Apr. 8, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "May Basket." A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to participate.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Apr. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore various, conflicting theories concerning the Shroud of Turin. This relic is considered by some to be the burial garment of Jesus Christ. Refreshments will be served. Register to participate.

PAT & BRUSH

Apr. 15, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Spring Wishes Wishing Well." A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to participate.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO

Apr. 3, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Treasures from the Past* is a film that documents the painstaking restoration of a Curtiss JN-4D fighter plane, a Dusenber automobile, a 1905 carousel, a Scottish sailing ship and the Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg. Refreshments will be served. Register to attend.

FLOWER GARDENING

Apr. 6, Thurs. at 7pm Anna Barnes, Master Gardener, will discuss starting flowers from seeds, the needs of various kinds of flowers and how to plant them to create a pleasing design. Co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Committee, this is part of the 2006 Gardening Program open to everyone interested in gardening, improving the curb appeal of the home, or in becoming participants in Highland's "Best House on the Block" project. Register to attend.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 11, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we discuss the book inspired by the true story of the three Mirabel sisters, *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. It was 1960 when the three were murdered for their part in an underground plot to overthrow the Dominican Republic government. As martyrs they have become mythical figures in their country, where they are known as "las mariposas" or the butterflies. Copies of the book will be available at the Highland branch.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 12, Wed. from 10am to noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide a free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am This month's event is *The Sibyl Sanderson Story*. Jack Winsor Hansen, an accomplished pianist, began research in the 1950s for his book on Sibyl Sanderson, a brilliant American opera star. Discovered in 1887, Ms. Sanderson shone for a brief decade before her demise. Her amazing life crossed paths with such social elites as William Randolph Hearst. Refreshments will be served. Register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 5:30pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants, who must be in 7th grade and older (or those who have already earned 20 volunteer hours), will earn volunteer time.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELING: OHIO

Apr. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Take a sentimental journey

the Staff Recommends AUDIO VISUAL

RECENT DOCUMENTARIES ON DVD:

WORD WARS 81 MINUTES

A quirky film about a trio of eccentric wordsmiths going head-to-head for the triple letter scores. Did you even know there was a North American Scrabble Championship?

WAL-MART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE

97 minutes

This film challenges viewer's perception of this monolithic retailer by going beyond the glitz and hype to look at the real lives of workers and their families, business owners and their communities.

GHOSTS OF RWANDA 120 minutes

Frontline documentary on the 1994 genocide that slaughtered 800,000 people. An excellent companion to the feature film, *Hotel Rwanda*

GRIZZLY MAN 104 minutes

After 13 summers, Timothy Treadwell presumed he could live safely among the grizzly bears of the Alaskan wilderness—even unarmed. Treadwell's own video helps tell the story of this wildlife preservationist, who was ultimately killed and eaten by the very grizzlies he sought to protect.

HONORABLE MENTION:

UNFORGIVABLE BLACKNESS: THE RISE AND FALL OF JACK JOHNSON
LAS VEGAS, THEN & NOW
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS

to discover the captivating story of the Buckeye State's past. Discover little-known Ohioans, unusual facts, as well as the famous names and the major events that shaped its history. Refreshments will be served. Register to attend.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 18, Tues. at 10:30am This class is for people with little or no computer skills. Attendees will learn to move the mouse appropriately, left & right "click" correctly, and define the important parts of the keyboard. Registration begins April 3rd.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 18, 19 or 25, Tues at 1pm, Wed. at 3pm. This basic computer class will provide instruction on the keyboard, the desktop, how to use the mouse, how to open and close programs, and how to perform word processing. This same class will be held on three separate dates: the 18th & 25th at 1pm and on the 19th at 3pm. Registration begins April 3rd.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 20, 26 or 27, Thurs. at 1pm or Wed. at 6:30pm Beginners will explore the library's website and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World

Wide Web. The same class will be held on three separate dates: the 20th & 27th at 1pm and on the 26th at 6:30pm. Registration begins April 3rd.

CURB APPEAL

Apr. 20, Thurs. at 7pm This portion of the Gardening Series will focus on landscaping and curb appeal on the cheap! John Bachman, Manager of the grounds at Purdue Calumet University, will discuss and present slides of simple and inexpensive things that can be done to improve landscaping. Co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Committee this program is open to everyone interested in gardening, improving the curb appeal of their home, or in becoming participants in Highland's "Best House on the Block" project. Register to attend.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Apr. 24, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm In *To Catch a Thief* Cary Grant, an American expatriate hero and falsely accused former cat burglar, must catch the real cat burglar before he is caught and charged. Grace Kelly is on a quest to catch him – first as the burglar, then as her husband. Enjoy this entertaining film while munching on tasty treats provided. Register to attend.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Join the discussion of the final Inspector Morse mystery. The main character is just one step ahead of the inspector assigned to solve the year old murder of Yvonne Harrison in *The Remorseful Day* by Colin Dexter. Registration begins March 23rd. Copies of this book will be available at the circulation desk.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CONTEST

Apr. 3 to 8 The Hobart, New Chicago and Lake Station libraries invite everyone to participate in our National Library Week contest. Every item checked-out during this one week is entitled to one entry toward a grand prize. Check-out materials and see what is new at your library while having a chance to win great prizes. Any material (book, dvd, cd, video, audio book, magazine) is eligible for entry!

PUZZLE PLAY

During National Library Week we will have a special puzzle room set up. Every 10 minutes spent working on our jigsaw puzzle earns an entry into our puzzle drawing. The winner, to be chosen on Monday, April 10th, will receive a new jigsaw puzzle!

MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 4, Tues. from 2pm to 4pm Offered is an introductory computer class which teaches participants how to hold, move and click a mouse. In addition there will be a review of essential parts of a computer and discussion of common terminology. Please register early as attendance is limited.

BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 5, Wed. from 2pm to 4pm This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

1st-30th Jazz Appreciation Month The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History draws public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz. Special programs are held throughout the month to highlight the glories of jazz as a living treasure.

1st-30th National Humor Month To focus on the joy and therapeutic value of laughter and enrich the quality of life. Read a funny book!

1st Robert the Hermit Death Anniversary On this date in 1832, one of the most famous hermits in American history died in his hermitage at Seekonk, MA. Robert was a bonded slave, the son of an African mother and probably an Anglo-Saxon father. After obtaining his freedom, he was swindled out of it and shipped to a foreign slave market, then later escaped to America. He was separated from his first wife by force and rejected by his second wife after a long sea voyage, before withdrawing from society.

13th Great Chicago Flood Anniversary On this date in 1992, Chicagoans awoke to one of the most unusual disasters of modern times: the Chicago river broke through a rupture in an old underground freight tunnel wall, sending millions of gallons of water into the tunnel system under downtown Chicago.

24th-30th National Scoop the Poop Week Now is the perfect time for dog owners to catch up on all those "canine calling cards". www.pooper-scooper.com

Birthdays:

3rd Jane Goodall-72 years-born London, England 1934 (anthropologist)

4th Maya Angelou-78 years-born St. Louis, MO 1928 (poet, author)

12th Beverly Cleary-90 years-born McMinnville, OR 1916 (author)

18th Haley Mills-60 years-born London, England 1946 (actor)

21st Queen Elizabeth II-80 years-born London, England 1926 (monarch)

Hobart Branch...continued

about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited so register early.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 6, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration is required as space is limited.

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Apr. 7, Fri. from 10am to noon Participants who have mastered the "Meet the Mouse" and "Basic Windows" classes will learn how to create an email account with Yahoo Mail. The class will also educate users on sending and receiving mail, in addition to explaining the address book and other basic email functions. Registration is required as space is limited.

PLAN YOUR GARDEN

Apr. 10, Mon. at 6pm Jim Pavelka, Advanced Master Gardener of the National Garden Club, Landscape Consultant, and Hobart Garden Club member, will share ideas on how to plan your summer garden using your home computer. Register to attend.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Apr. 18, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm *Confessions of a Shopaholic* by Sophie Kinsella will entertain and spark great discussion this month. Join our group for a fun dialogue and treats. Register to participate.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 20, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Apr. 26 & 27, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am-2:30pm An AARP representative will instruct and refresh motorists age 45 and older on defensive driving techniques. The course covers vision and hearing changes, effects of medication, reaction time changes, left turns, new laws and hazardous driving situations. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate which may entitle participants to auto insurance discounts. There is a non-refundable \$10 fee for the class, which is due at the time of registration (check or money order only made out to AARP). Registration must be in person and closes on April 22nd, so register early at the Hobart Branch.

CREATIVE STAMPING

Apr. 29, Sat. 9:30am Demonstrator Mary Smith of Stampin' Up will instruct participants on creating cards, boxes and decorative photo cards using stamps. All items are on display at the branch. Registration in person required with either \$10.00 for three items or \$15 for six items by April 25th.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 14, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

PERENNIAL GARDENING II

Apr. 12, Wed. at 7pm For the more experienced gardener who has an established perennial garden, this lecture will address problem pests that veteran gardeners encounter. Dolly Foster, Master Gardener, will preview new and fabulous plants for the current growing season. Please register to attend.

THE SIBYL SANDERSON STORY

Apr. 18, Tues. at 1:45pm Jack Winsor Hansen, an accomplished pianist, began research in the 1950s for his book on Sibyl Sanderson. A brilliant American opera star, Sibyl, discovered in 1887, shone on stage for a brief decade. Her amazing life crossed paths with such social elites as William Randolph Hearst. Join us as J. W. Hansen reveals the story of Ms. Sanderson. Register to attend.

Munster Branch...continued

EXPLORE THE WHITE HOUSE

Apr. 20, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Discover the human side of America's most legendary house. In candid interviews with Presidents and First Ladies, take a peek inside the families' rarely seen private living quarters. Follow along as a small army of employees whirls behind the scenes in a frenzy of activity surrounding a major state visit and dinner. Register to attend.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 27, Thurs. from 10am to noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Apr. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm *In Divining Women* by Kaye Gibbons, Maureen Ross struggles with a difficult pregnancy and her emotionally abusive husband, Troop. Enter Mary Oliver, Troop's niece, the child of a wealthy family, who sets out to protect her aunt. The story is set in the fall of 1918, the time of the Spanish influenza. Register to attend.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Apr. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Agamemnon* by Aeschylus. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1st TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Apr. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

IMPROVING MEMORY

Apr. 19, Wed. at 1pm Evidence is mounting that the brain works like a muscle; the harder it is used the more it grows. Exercise your brain in this presentation by an educator from the Purdue Cooperative Extension on how age affects memory and how memory can be improved. Register to attend.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: GREEK ISLANDS

Apr. 19, Wed. at 7pm Explore the ancient beauty of Athens and Delphi via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Apr. 26 & 27, Wed. at 7pm & Thurs. at 10:15am Can anyone live on minimum wage in America? Journalist Barbara

Ehrenreich leaves behind her middle class job to find out. Join in a discussion of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*. Register to attend and get your copy of the book held at the branch front desk.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am This month's Mystery Book Discussion Group will delve into *Night Probe* by Clive Cussler. Navy Commander Heidi Milligan discovers a 1914 note to British P.M. Herbert Asquith from Woodrow Wilson. The North American Treaty between England and America has been lost! Where is the Treaty and what is in it? Cussler leads readers to the surprise finish. This read is a true guilty pleasure. Register to participate.

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National Library Week

April 3 to 8

Readers' Gift Basket

Instant Prizes for Teens

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Jigsaw Puzzles

International Foods

Check-out Contests

It's all inside!



American Library Association sponsoring "put it in writing @ your library" contest. The library can be a magical place helping to change lives for the better. Have a story to tell? The top four narratives will be published in *Woman's Day Magazine*. Read the particulars inside.



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PLAY BALL!

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, from 6 to 11 years old, will enjoy baseball stories, games, songs and a craft. Register to attend, ext. 360.

KING TUT – HE'S BAAAAAAACK!

Apr. 27, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will have fun with spooky mummy stories and will make their own mummy to take home. Register to attend, ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
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CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave.,

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Gary 844-8809

SPRINGTIME BUNNIES

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up can celebrate springtime by making a spoon rabbit. Register to attend.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

SPRINGTIME BUNNIES

Apr. 12, Wed. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up can celebrate springtime by making a spoon rabbit. Register to attend.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 3, Mon. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 35 months, and their caregivers, will enjoy this 30 minute, lap-sit, interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. This program will be offered every Monday this month (April 3, 10, 17, 24). Register to attend.

SPRING GREEN

Apr. 6, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will turn cupcakes into frogs. Yummy! Register to participate.

TIME TRAVELERS

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm Youngsters will take a look at the court jester after reading from *Crispin...* by Avi.

FUZZY FOWL

Apr. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, from Kindergarten and older, will create ducks from pipe cleaners. Call the library to register.

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Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

CHANGE YOUR WORLD @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate *National Library Week* with stories, crafts and food from around the world. Children may wear their pajamas for a comfy and fun time. Register to attend.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 6, 13 & 20, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, ages 6 months to 3 years, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music activities and more. Register to attend.

CHESS

Apr. 6 & 20, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in 3rd grade and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome!

HOP ON OVER FOR STORY HOUR

Apr. 11, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about bunnies and Easter. A simple craft will complete the program. Register to attend.

CELEBRATING 2005 GREAT BOOKS

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 2pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will celebrate a variety of fantastic books published in 2005. Included will be the Caldecott Medal winner, *The Hello, Goodbye Window* written by Norton Juster and illustrated by Chris Raschka. Refreshments and a short film based on a children's book will complete the program. Everyone who comes will receive a new bookmark. Register to attend.

Highland Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm New to Highland! Children ages 6 to 35 months of age and their caregivers will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement, including both adult and child participation. Registration begins March 20th for this 4 week series.

BUSY BEES BUNNY HOP

Apr. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will hop their way to this story hour featuring bunny tales, songs and related activities. Registration begins March 20th.

TODDLERS' BUNNIES

Apr. 10, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, age 2, and their caregivers, will listen to bunny tales, with songs and related activities, during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Registration begins March 27th.

FAMILY SPRING BREAK MOVIE MARATHON

Apr. 12, Wed. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Bring your lunch and drink, we will provide the popcorn. Pull up a chair to watch Scooby Doo cartoons, the original *The Parent Trap* movie, featuring Hayley Mills, then more Scooby Doo cartoons. Come for a segment or stay the entire afternoon. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins March 27th.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 5:30pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Registration begins March 27th.

BUSY BEES SHOWERS AND FLOWERS

Apr. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will listen to spring stories, sing songs and create a simple springtime craft. Registration begins April 3rd.

TODDLERS "QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!"

Apr. 24, Mon. at 10:30am & 11:30am Ducky tales and tunes will be featured during this ½ hour story time for 2 year olds and their caregivers. Registration begins April 10th.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

BUNNY TALES

Apr. 12, Wed. at 10:30am Story time for children ages 3 to 5 that will include Easter stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Register to attend.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 5pm School age children will create a unique Easter decoration using items from nature. The Hobart Garden Club will assist the children with this project. Register to attend.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 7,14,21,28, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers (ages 6 to 35 months) and their care givers will participate in a fun and innovative 30 minute lap-sit program which incorporates stories, songs, and hands-on activities. Register to attend.

EASTER PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Apr. 10, Mon. at 6pm Pre-schoolers (ages 3 to 5) are invited to hear Easter stories, participate in finger plays, songs, and paint Easter eggs. Please bring hard-boiled eggs. The dye will be provided. Register to attend.

PAINTING EASTER EGGS

Apr. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (kindergarten through 4th grade) are invited to hear the story *Rechenka's Eggs*, by Patricia Polacco and paint Easter eggs. Please bring hard boiled eggs. The dye will be provided. Register to attend.

ICE PRINCESS

Apr. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens (grades 4 through 12) are invited to see the feature film *Ice Princess*, about an ugly duckling who becomes a graceful swan in this heartfelt Disney movie which is rated "G." Refreshments will be served.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 26, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens (grades 4 through 12) will see the film *The Secret Garden*, based on the book *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We will discuss the book and the film, along with a look at Frances Hodgson Burnett's life. Refreshments will be served.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

PAINTING EASTER EGGS

Apr. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (kindergarten through 4th grade) are invited to hear the story *Rechenka's Eggs*, by Patricia Polacco and paint Easter eggs. Please bring hard boiled eggs. The dye will be provided. Register to attend.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Apr. 3 & 17, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30 to 45 minute story times

in April. The programs will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 4, Tues. at 4pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for any student currently in 5th grade or higher is planned for the first Tuesday of the month. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 5 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, are invited to continue our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your children.

THE LIBRARY IS FOR EVERYONE

Apr. 6, Thurs. at 4pm All families are welcome to join in the celebration of *National Library Week* with stories and crafts that include designing your own book cover and book mark. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Apr. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to two story time sessions in April. The programs will include stories, music, a video, a craft and other activities.

CURIOUS GEORGE IS CURIOUS ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Apr. 12, Wed. at 4pm Come help George explore the Library, as well as other things, with stories, games and a craft that will be sure to keep everyone's attention.

ABRACADABRA!

Apr. 26, Wed. at 4pm Do you know magic? Come show off your talents and learn a couple of new tricks with stories, demonstrations, and a craft that will help you complete your act.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

EGGS!!!

Apr. 6, Thurs. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will learn about eggs through books and games. They will start an 'egg garden' and there will be an 'egg'-citing treat. Register to attend either the 1:30pm program or the 6:30pm program.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 4, Tues. at 10:15am or 6:30pm Babies and Toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months of age, along with their caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit circle time program featuring rhymes, stories and hands-on activities. Registration required for either the morning or evening session.

HOP TO IT

Apr. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about bunnies; decorate a cotton-tail bunny and watch a film. Register to attend either the afternoon or evening session.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 3 or 4, Mon. at 1:30pm or Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate with stories by Hans Christian Andersen, musical activities, a short film and a craft. Register to attend.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 6, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd will enjoy the story *Shibumi and the Kitemaker*, learn kite flying rules and make a Peace Kite to take home. Register to attend.

The Lake County Public Library Foundation

Presents:

The Sixth Annual Literary Tea

Saturday, April 29, 2006

An
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Hedda's

HOT

Hollywood Headlines

The Times Features writer and daily columnist, Philip Potempa, will present a program on the fascinating life of newspaper gossip columnist Hedda Hopper, who during her lifetime earned the title of one of the most powerful women newspaper personalities of the 20th century. Potempa, an avid collector of journalism autographs, will share some of his private collection at the tea, including rare photographs and letters from Hopper's

personal files in addition to Hopper's jewelry, clothing and, of course, her trademark outrageous hats, which earned her the title Hedda "the Hat" Hopper.

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Afternoon tea will be served promptly at 1:30 p.m. at the Central Library's Conference Room

Make checks payable to:

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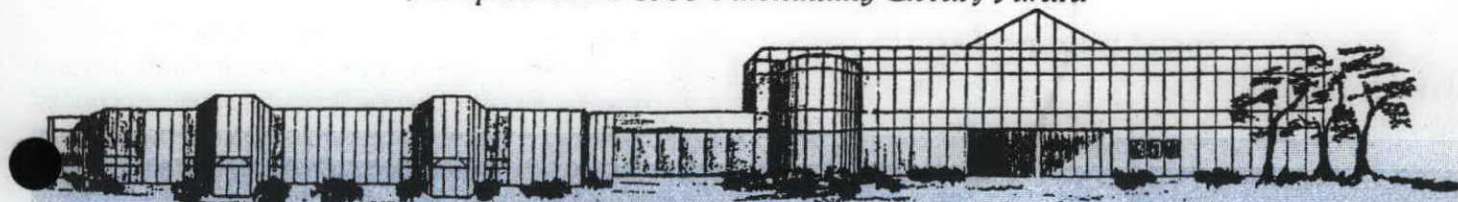
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LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

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Paws, Claws, Scales, Tales and.....Mother Goose

This summer will be a busy time for the library's staff and children with the presentation of many types of fun programs. Under the theme, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," parents and children will find a wide variety of programs centered on animals. In addition, "Mother Goose on the Loose" is another specific category of programming for infants and toddlers with mothers and caregivers.

Paws & Claws programs will begin the week of June 5th and continue for 8 weeks until July 29th. The Central Library's Children's Services department, as well as the 11 branches, will provide story hours, craft programs, entertainers and other activities for preschoolers, school-agers and young teens.

Various types of pet shows will be popping up at many sites. Watch out for snakes at several branches! Ronald McDonald will also be dropping by to amaze children with his book-themed magic show. And, of course, preschool story hours, as well as story hours for primary grade children, will be found at all branches.

Besides attending programs, children can earn small prizes for all the books they read during June and July. When books are returned, they are recorded on the child's own "punch card" and prizes are awarded at 5 book intervals.

Mother Goose on the Loose is another new program that debuted in

the fall and is expanding to more branches. After a training session with Betsy Diamant-Cohen at American Library Association conference in Chicago in July 2005, the project was introduced at the Lake County Public Library. Yet, several of the items that were needed were not available to present this program.

**Summer Reading:
Paws and Claws
June 5 - July 29**

**Read and win prizes,
Programs for all ages
at all branches of the
Lake County
Public Library
district.**

Fortunately, Cameron Wilson, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 76 of Merrillville offered a solution. Volunteering his time and organizational skills, he began a project that would provide short-legged easels for flannel boards at a baby's eye view and small wooden rhythm sticks to tap out patterns that would help with learning syllables and words. The troop obtained donations from Home Depot and Balash Trucking, and set to work constructing 7 wooden easels with legs that could be raised or lowered. They also cut and sanded 100 small sticks that the babies could use without injuring themselves.

While the program originated last fall at Central, Cedar Lake, Hobart, and Griffith, it premiered in early spring at Munster, and debuted just the last month at the Highland and Lake Station branches.

The sessions are fast-paced with rhymes and more rhymes. Rhythm activities with sticks, bells, shakers and colored scarves are a big hit with the toddlers as well as audience participation activities with drums,

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Humpty Dumpty, and "the pig who flew up in the air."

All this fun really teaches pre-reading skills at the earliest age possible, beginning with syllables in the child's own name.

So thanks to Cameron Wilson and Troop 76, even babies and toddlers will join in on summer fun.

Denise Swinehart
Head of Children's Services



Central Library

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769-3541

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INTRODUCTION TO TOEFL

May 2 to June 6, Tuesdays & Thursdays, at 6:30pm TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a requirement for admission into colleges and universities where instruction is in English. In addition, many government, licensing, certification agencies, and exchange and scholarship programs use TOEFL scores to evaluate the English proficiency of people for whom English is not their native language. Offered at the library is a preparation for those planning to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The class will introduce and place emphasis on the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills needed for the test. Admission is limited, so register early by calling ext. 309.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 3, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Beginning computer users will learn to hold, move and click a mouse correctly. Our new 3-hour format will allow more time for practice. Register to attend, ext. 346.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: BRAZIL

May 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm. The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an information discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion is centered on Brazil: Invented Pasts and Hoped For Futures. There is a one-time \$5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call the library 219-769-3541, ext. 339

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: BASIC WINDOWS

May 10, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm The next step for the beginner - learn about the keyboard and the Windows desktop, while developing basic word processing skills. Our new 3-hour format will allow time for practice. Register to attend, ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

**"IT'S ALL IN THE MIND" –
PSYCHOLOGICAL FICTION**

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

May 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Like the tree of heaven that pushes toward the sun through the cracks in the cement, resourceful Francie struggles against all odds to survive and thrive in the slums of early 1900s Brooklyn. First published in 1945, this book, too, has survived and thrived to become a beloved classic. Register by calling, ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

May 12, Fri. at 9:30am This month's meeting for seniors, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature a presentation by Scott Albanese of Albanese Candy: "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Candy." For details call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

LAWN CARE & MAINTENANCE

May 16, Tues. at 7pm Grass, that most simple and visible plant, can dramatically impact the look of your home turf! Master Gardener Jim Colias will provide invaluable instruction for the novice, as well as the experienced, yard warrior. Register to attend by calling ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 17, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Beginners will explore the library's website and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Our new 3 hour format allows more time for practice. Register to attend, ext. 346.

THE FAST & HEALTHY ANSWER TO...WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

May 22, Mon. at 1pm The busier-than-ever lifestyles of families require meals in a flash. Corrine Powell, Consumer & family Sciences Educator of Purdue University, will explore quick fixes for a healthy way of life and fast meal preparation to meet the needs of on-the-go people. Register to attend, ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

May 24, Wed. from 1pm to 4pm Learn how to search for a book, a video, or a CD using our online catalog. Place your own "holds" and renew items on your library card. You will use the skills that you learned in previous classes. Bring your library card. Register to attend, ext. 346.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

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Ask a Librarian

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A: For this information and more, use AmericanFactfinder at www.factfinder.census.gov. Click on the "Street Address" link on the lower left side of the AmericanFactfinder home page. Then enter your address in the boxes provided.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Holly Winter trains, shows and loves purebred Alaskan malamutes. But bloodlines are not always what they seem. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Bloodlines* by Susan Conant. Register to attend.

41st BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22, Mon. at 6:30pm Stephanie Plum has decided she needs a career change in this 11th book in the mystery series by Janet Evanovich. But an old client from her past won't leave her be, and she once again finds herself in the thick of things with buddy Lula, Grandma Mazur, Joe and Ranger. Join us for laughs as we discuss *Eleven on Top*. Register to attend.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

DRIVERS SAFETY PROGRAM

May 11 & 12, Thurs. & Fri. from 10am-2pm June P. Laws will teach the AARP Drivers' Safety Program, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 is due at the time of registration. Graduates of this two session program may be eligible to receive insurance premium discounts. Register in person from May 1 through May 9 at the library.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 17, Wed. at 7pm Single, but pregnant, Cora decides to join her madcap mother in a scheme to kidnap her Alzheimer-stricken father (Cora's grandfather) from his nursing home and take him back to his hometown of Whitewright, Texas. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Delusions of Grandma* by Carrie Fisher. Register to attend.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22, Mon. at 1pm On April 20, 1999 Cassie Bernall was a typical teenager attending Columbine High School in Colo-

rado. By the end of the day, two of her classmates would kill her and as many people as they could. She was confronted by one of killers and asked, "Do you believe in God?" Her single response, "Yes," was echoed around the world. This is her story, a mother's story of her normal teenager. Join us for a lively discussion of *She Said Yes*. Registration begins April 24th.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN

May 8, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board (teens 12 and older) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

GARDENING - SAVE YOUR TREES

May 11, Thurs. at 7pm Master Gardener Jim Colias will discuss the recent outbreak of Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. He will discuss the damage this pest is causing to Ash trees and what can be done about it. Register to attend.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 15, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint "Wilderness Lighthouse." A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to attend.

UNBIRTHDAY PARTY

May 16, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens will celebrate with cake, ice cream, a piñata and more. Must be 11 and older to participate. Register to attend.

IDENTITY THEFT

May 17, Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn steps to take to prevent identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. Corinne Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Purdue Extension Educator, will present the information. Register to attend.

BOOKS & CHAT

May 17, Wed. at 6:30pm In his long-awaited third novel, Jonathan Franzen tells a spellbinding story about a quirky family. *The Corrections* peels off the layers of the Lambert family, as each one of their lives swirl out of control. It is the blending of their personal dramas that lends to commentary on larger social issues with a dry-eyed look at our culture. Join us for an interesting discussion of this funny yet on-the-money novel. Register to attend.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 20, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Apple in a Cardinal Tree." A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to attend.

ALL THINGS MOVING

May 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy stories and activities about moving, including a scavenger hunt through the new library. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Register to attend.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

May 23, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will visit Nevada with its harsh desert landscape, ghost towns, and "the last great American boomtown," Las Vegas. Refreshments will be served.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 25, Thurs. at 4:30pm Teen volunteers between the ages of 11 and 15, who will be volunteering at the library this summer, should attend this informational program. Duties of a volunteer will be discussed and sign-up sheets will circulate.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 26, Fri. at 10:30am Participants will paint a landscape. A fee of \$12 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Register to attend.

TERRIFIC TEA & FASHION

May 30, Tues. at 4pm All ages will enjoy tea, punch and yummy treats while listening to stories. Participants may try on a variety of clothes to participate in a fashion show. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Register to participate.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO

May 1, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we watch this video on the life and career of one of the funniest people alive, *Carol Burnett: Just to Have a Laugh*. Registration for this film, to be shown on the big screen, begins April 3rd. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 9, Tues. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we discuss William Maxwell's story of a murder on an Illinois farm that coincides with the end of a friendship between two 13 year old boys. Copies of *So Long, See You Tomorrow* will be available beginning April 11th at the front desk. Refreshments will be served. Register to attend.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 10, Wed. from 10am to noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide a free blood pressure screening.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Blood Horses: Notes of a Sportswriter's Son
by John Jeremiah Sullivan

"An eclectic mix of musings about sports writing and people, with a focus on Thoroughbred horse racing, owners, trainers, and jockeys. Sullivan is a storyteller thoroughly grounded in his subject."

SA/Systems

Past the Bleachers by Christopher A. Bohjalian

"Agreeing to coach what would have been his son's baseball team after his son Nathaniel's death at the age of ten, Bill Parris hopes to exorcise his grief, even when a new boy who looks disturbingly like Nathaniel joins the team. By the author of *Midwives*, an Oprah book."

IMN/Administration

Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned
by Walter Mosley

"Socrates Fortlow is an ex-con who did 27 years of hard time in Indiana. Socrates currently lives in L.A. where he struggles to survive. He fights to understand the violent world he lives in. Earthy stories of Socrates and friends. Very readable. Each linked story is thought provoking."

SB/Outreach

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

May 11, Thurs. at 10:30am Master Gardeners Wayne and Anna Barnes share a glimpse of their trip to Hawaii with Elderhostel on a home and garden tour that took in four islands of breathtaking beauty. Sponsored by the Sand Ridge Bank this program is offered to seniors. Refreshments will be served. Call the bank at 972-7317 to attend.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

May 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Register if you plan to attend beginning April 24.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: KENTUCKY

May 15, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel the beautiful state of Kentucky with its Carter Cave, a bourbon distillery, Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory. Refreshments will be served. Shown on the big screen, registration begins April 17 to attend.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: *DREAMER*

May 22, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch this recently-released family film inspired by a true story. *Dreamer* features Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning as the father-daughter team that work together to restore a championship filly to good health. Refreshments will be served. Register beginning April 24th to attend.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 23 or June 6, Tues. at 7pm Students in 4th grade or higher, who would like to join the Youth Volunteer Program this summer, must attend ONE of these informational meetings and fill out an application. Arrangements must be made before the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is the only opportunity to get a volunteer application.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 25, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss Donna Leon's mystery, *Noble Radiance*. Set in Venice, Inspector Guido Brunetti investigates an aristocratic family with a shady past. When the body of a kidnapping victim is uncovered in a macabre grave, the victim's family is suspected. Copies of the book will be available beginning April 27th at the front desk. Register to attend.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO NEW YORK

May 4, Thurs. at 2pm & 6pm Travelers will be shown famous sights, along with other points of interest in New York City, the most exciting metropolis in the world.

BOOK CHAT

May 16, Tues. at 2pm You are cordially invited to attend our High Tea as we discuss the book, *Emma* by Jane Austen. While sharing our thoughts, we will nibble on cucumber sandwiches and other traditional tea time delicacies. Please register to participate.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 18, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

QUILTING BEE

May 3, Wed. from 1pm to 3pm Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend the quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Meetings are

held on the first Wednesday of the month. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome.

SCRAP-IT-TOGETHER

May 10, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other scrap bookers of all skill levels and work on your scrap booking. Heather Cummings heads up this new monthly group. So bring your photos, scrap booking supplies and enthusiasm and have fun for a couple of hours.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

7th-13th National Pet Week To promote responsible pet ownership and public awareness of veterinary medical service for animal health and care. www.petweek.org

9th National Teacher Day To pay tribute to American educators, sponsored by the National Education Association. www.nea.org

17th Norway: Constitution Day National holiday. Constitution signed and Norway separated from Denmark in 1814. Parades and children's festivities mark the day.

20th Amelia Earhart Atlantic Crossing Anniversary In 1932, Amelia Earhart left Harbor Grace, Newfoundland at 7pm Thirteen hours and 30 minutes later, she landed near Londonderry, Ireland, covering 2,026 miles. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

28th Dionne Quintuplets Birthday In 1934, five identical girls (Marie, Cecile, Yvonne, Emilie and Annette) were born to Olivia and Elzire Dionne near Callander, Ontario. They were the first quintuplets known to have lived for more than a few hours after birth. Emilie died in 1954, Marie in 1970, Yvonne in 2001. The other two sisters are still living.

Birthdays:

5th Michael Palin 63 years-born Sheffield, Yorkshire in 1943 (actor, comedian)

6th George Clooney 45 years-born Lexington, KY in 1961 (actor)

9th Billy Joel 57 years-born Hicksville, NY in 1949 (singer, composer)

14th Ronan Tynan 46 years-born Dublin, Ireland in 1960 (opera singer)

21st Al Franken 55 years-born New York, NY in 1951 (author, comedian)

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 12, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

NIFTY NEEDLES NEEDLE ARTISTS

May 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Get together with other needle-artists for an evening of stitching and chatting. Bring your needle arts project, be it cross stitch, plastic canvas, needlepoint, or another form of embroidery and enjoy some time for working on it with fellow needle-artists.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 8, Mon. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Class size is limited so be sure to register early.

GROWING DAYLILIES

May 10, Wed. at 7pm Why should you grow daylilies? Dolly Foster, Master Gardener, introduces the "Perfect Perennial." Daylilies are one of the easiest, low maintenance perennials. Participants will be exposed to the wide variety of daylily flowers and colors, ideal growing conditions and problems presented by daylilies.

VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT

May 11, Thurs. at 1:30pm In February of 2002 Senator Richard Lugar launched the Veteran's History Project as an effort to collect the oral histories of men and women who have served in uniform during both war and peacetime. Celina A. Weatherwax, from the senator's NWI office, will explain this project to interested individuals.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

May 16, Tues. at 1:30pm This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Class size is limited so be sure to register early.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG 101

May 17, Wed. at 1:30pm An introductory class to educate library users on how to search and understand the library cata-

log. Topics will include various searching options, accessing your library account and more. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early.

EXPLORE NEW YORK CITY

May 18, Thurs. at 2pm New York has always been a city of superlatives: biggest, brashest, best! Trek through the famous landmarks, as well as the lesser known attractions which are rarely visited by tourists.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 22, Mon. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the World Wide Web. Class size is limited so be sure to register early.

GARDENING - SAVE YOUR TREES

May 24, Wed. at 7pm The emerald ash borer (EAB) has killed over six million trees in Michigan and has been found in Ohio, Maryland, and now, Indiana. Learn more about this insect, how to identify ash trees, and what, if anything, you can do to protect those ash trees in the Indiana landscape from Master Gardener Jim Colias. Register for this informative lecture.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 25, Thurs. from 10am-noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

May 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *Our Kind* by Kate Walbert eight former housewives from the 1950s, having divorced and seen their children grow up, band together for support in a shared search for purpose, love, and identity in a modern world in which their roles are no longer clear.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

May 25, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Beast in the Jungle* by Henry James, a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

May 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

May 9, Tues. at 10:30am Paint "Ducks on the Wing" in this class taught by an experienced instructor. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials that is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

A LAUGH A DAY

May 10, Wed. at 1pm The average pre-schooler laughs 450 times a day while the average adult laughs only 15 times – on a good day! Learn how you can add laughter and humor to your life and improve your health at the same time in this presentation by Purdue University Extension Educator, Corinne Powell. Register to attend.

STAMP UP STAMP CAMP

May 16, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three Father's Day or summer projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of supplies due at the time of class. Please register.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: SOUTH AFRICA

May 17, Wed. at 7pm Explore the history and culture of South Africa via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

May 24 & 25, Wed. at 7pm, Thurs. at 10:15am A variety of colorful characters live out their hopes and dreams in a crumbling New England mill town in this story laced with humor and compassion. Copies of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo are available at the library's information desk. Register for the book and to attend the discussion.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 30, Tues. at 6:30pm & June 3, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to help with the summer reading program must attend one of two informational meetings. To qualify the student must be 11 years old (or older) by the end of August. Registration is not required.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MAGICAL DESIGN MAKEOVERS

May 3, Wed. at 7pm Cathi Lloyd, an interior decorator with Interiors by Decorating Den, will use before-and-after slides to illustrate how color, fabric, furniture placement and more can completely make over any room. Register early to attend this very popular program.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

May 9, Tues. at 1:30pm From neighborhood gas stations to New York's famed Rockefeller Center, the story of the Rockefeller family is a dramatic saga of money, power, scandal and tragedy. View the fascinating biography of this controversial family. Refreshments will be served. Register to attend.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

May 11, Thurs. at 10:30am The Mystery Book Discussion Group will discuss *Murder at St. Adelaides* by Gerelyn Hollingsworth. A dying Mother Celeste requests Francis Finn to investigate a decades-old death of another nun, who may not have died by accident. Pre-register.

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Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift in January and February.

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CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

MOTHER'S DAY

May 11, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will make mom a special gift to celebrate her day. Register to attend.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

MOTHER'S DAY

May 10, Wed. at 4:00pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will make mom a special gift to celebrate her day. Register to attend.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

May 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm A night for the dogs – enjoy stories, music and make a puppy pal wristband to wear home. All ages are welcome. Register for the free program by calling the library.

TIME TRAVELERS

May 11, Thurs. at 3:30pm The Time Travelers' group will finish *Crispin the Cross of Lead* by Avi. Then it's a trip outside to hold a tournament substituting water balloons for the lance and horse of knights.

OFF TO THE RACES

May 25, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will make a race track complete with stock cars. Register to attend.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm
13330 Parrish Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

May 4 & 18, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

SNACK & PLAN

May 8, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board (12 and older) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER TIME

May 11 & 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will partake in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more. Register to participate.

FIESTA TIME!

May 11, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten through 6th will celebrate National Salsa Month by listening to the funny book, *Chicks and Salsa* by Aaron Reynolds. Afterwards, the children will learn how to make cheese quesadillas and will also enjoy nachos. Ole! Register to participate.

UNBIRTHDAY PARTY

May 16, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens (11 and older) will celebrate with cake, ice cream, a piñata and more. Must be 11 and older to participate. Register to attend.

ALL THINGS MOVING

May 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy stories and activities about moving, including a scavenger hunt through the new library. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Register to attend.

MAY FLOWERS

May 23, Tues. at 10:30am After listening to favorite songs and stories, pre-schoolers (ages 3 to 5) will make paper flowers and will plant a flower seed in a cup. Register to attend.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 25, Thurs. at 4:30pm Teen volunteers between the ages of 11 and 15, who will be volunteering at the library this summer, should attend this informational program. Duties of a volunteer will be discussed and sign-up sheets will circulate.

TERRIFIC TEA & FASHION

May 30, Tues. at 4pm All ages will enjoy tea, punch and yummy treats while listening to stories. Participants may try on a variety of clothes to participate in a fashion show. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Register to participate.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES: MOTHERS AND OTHERS

May 3, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Mothers and other family members are the focus of this story hour for pre-school children, ages 3 to 5. Register to attend beginning April 17.

TODDLERS: MOMMY, DADDY & ME

May 8, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will enjoy family stories, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour story time. Register to attend beginning April 24.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

May 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Register if you plan to attend beginning April 24.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 23 or June 6, Tues. at 7pm Students in 4th grade or higher, who would like to join the Youth Volunteer Program this summer, must attend ONE of these informational meetings and fill out an application. Arrangements must be made before the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is the only opportunity to get a volunteer application.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

SPRING STORY TIME

May 10, Wed. at 10:30am Story time for children, ages 3 to 5, that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Registration begins April 25.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

May 11, Thurs. at 5pm Children in grades Kindergarten and older will participate in a spring garden adventure with the help of the Hobart Garden Club. Registration begins April 25.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

May 19, Fri. at 10:30am Children, 6 to 35 months of age, and an adult caregiver, can participate in this lap-sit story time featuring Mother Goose. Registration begins April 25.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TEEN PIZZA TASTING

May 10, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens (grades 4 through 12) will taste test a variety of pizzas from pizza companies located in the Lake Station area. Register to participate.

A FLORAL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

May 15, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will hear stories about flowers, and participate in finger plays and fun songs. They will also enjoy making Tissue Paper Flowers! Register to participate.

FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS

May 17, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (grades Kindergarten through 4th) will hear a story about flowers, learn about flowers, and gardens, and have fun making their own floral pens. Register to participate.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

May 24, Wed. at 6pm Teens (grades 4 through 12) will discuss *Down The Rabbit Hole*, a thriller by Peter Abrahams. Refreshments will be served. Register to attend.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS

May 18, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (grades Kindergarten through 4th) will hear a story about flowers, learn about flowers, and gardens, and have fun making their own floral pens. Register to participate.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

ERRIFIC 2's & 3's

May 1, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30 to 45 minute story time. This will be the last session of the season. The program will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

May 3, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, with a caregiver, are invited to our last Mother Goose session of the season with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

May 9, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to our last story time session of the season. The program will include stories, music, a video, a craft and other activities.

A VERY UN-BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

May 10, Wed. at 4pm School age youngsters (from Kindergarten through 5th grade) are invited to a tea party of the wackiest design. Wear your craziest outfit and join us as we explore Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. You will hear crazy stories, indulge in foolish activities and make a mad hat of your own.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

FLY AWAY!

May 9, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Young children (ages 3 to 5) will hear stories about birds, decorate a bird and nest, and watch a film. Register to participate.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 30, Tues. at 6:30pm & June 3, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to help with the summer reading program must attend one of two informational meetings. To qualify the student must be 11 years old (or older) by the end of August. Registration is not required.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

COMMUNITY HELPERS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

May 8 or 9, Mon. at 1:30pm or Tues. at 10:30am Preschool children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy hearing stories about community helpers, musical activities, finger plays and make a craft. Register to participate.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales is this year's theme for

Lake County Public Library's

Annual Childrens' Summer Reading Program!

Join in and read.

Win prizes

and just have a great time reading this summer.

Contact your nearest Lake County Public Library for information regarding the summer reading programs. There are programs for all ages.

New this summer is **Teen Summer Reading**.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ENTERING THE TEEN YEARS

Greetings from the Dyer-Schererville Branch of the Lake County Public Library. June marks this new building's twelfth anniversary and we are energized as we step into our teen years here. Yet, this branch is not the only library that will be thinking of adolescents this summer. The entire library system is very excited to launch its first "Summer Reading Program" specifically directed toward teens!

Throughout the years, Dyer-Schererville has run a highly successful "Summer Reading Program" for children. Last year's adult reading program for the year's warmest season resulted with over two thousand books perused by our grown-up participants! So, this year we have designed a "Summer Reading Program" to encourage Teens to join in on the entertainment experienced by the interpretation of the written word. We believe that our teens will prove to be as enthusiastic as their younger and older counterparts.

To fire up the interest of these young adults, we will hold weekly drawings for prizes for all active participants. Now reading can be an activity that members of every age from every family can enjoy this summer.

Looking back over the past twelve years, we reminisce with memories of happy times, some melancholy thoughts and an occasion of surprise here and there.

We are, of course, delighted that our wonderful building and furnishings have withstood the test of time! In addition, there have been continued improvements with added computers, database and web services for our patrons. There has also been an increase in book discussions for adults and a newly implemented chess club for kids. This branch now has a special reader's advisory corner filled with books set out as recommendations for the casual or the discriminating reader.

Over the years we have had to bid adieu to some dedicated and popular library staff. We also miss the annual visit from the "Dyer Ducks," those game birds who dropped by every spring, nested and raised their family in our landscaping.

Then there have been some very memorable surprises, especially when the building first opened in 1994. After years of utilizing very small and cramped structures, patrons were amazed by the size and amenities of the combination of the Schererville and Dyer branches into the second largest library in the Lake County Public Library system. For our staff, the surprise was just how quickly the circulation volume increased. And we are always surprised and humbled by the kindness of regular library users who treat us like family. We have thoroughly enjoyed the cookies, candies, popcorn and flowers they have shared with us. Knowing that our assistance is appreciated by those who use



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the services of the library is truly heartwarming to those of us who work at the Dyer-Schererville branch.

It is our pleasure to serve this community's library needs. It is with great anticipation that we begin our teen years knowing it will be a time of growth and good will!

Pam Maud
St. John Township Branch Manager



Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – SUMMER CLASSES

Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Language classes for those learning English as a second language. These lessons place emphasis on conversation as well as reading and writing English. Three levels of instruction are offered. Registration begins June 1st by calling ext. 309.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 7, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

June 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, a story of rich and complex relationships that sweeps us through the final days of Afghanistan's monarch, the cruel time of Taliban oppression, and beyond. Register at ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

June 9, Fri. at 9:30am This month's meeting for seniors, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will feature a presentation by Designer Floral of Crown Point: Summer Floral Arrangement. For details call Donna Cafferata at 473-4433.

THERAPEUTIC GARDENING

June 20, Tues. at 7pm This next presentation of the ongoing Gardening Series will be presented by Stan Sims, County Extension Director of Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator. The topic will focus on the benefits to be gained both physically and mentally when planting and caring for your garden. Please register by calling ext. 317.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS: COMING TO AMERICA

HOOSIER GRANDPAS: SIT BACK & ENJOY THE SHOW

June 21, Wed. at 7pm Bring your friends and family to an evening of singing and entertainment! The Hoosier Grandpas, a musical group of retired men dedicated to promoting and preserving barbershop-quartet style singing, will croon the night away with their humorous performance. Join us for this entertaining evening by calling ext. 317 to register.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

June 28, Wed. from 1 to 6pm Every two seconds someone, somewhere requires a blood transfusion to survive. With just a pint of blood donated, a person can actually save up to three lives. Make the decision to rescue others by donating blood on this day. It is a quick and easy process with free t-shirts for all donors. Prior to the blood drive, you can pick up a blood donor pledge card at the library to set an appointment that best fits your schedule. Information packets will be provided at that time. Walk-ins, of course, are also welcome! For further details, call ext. 315.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your.library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Sid Halley was one of England's most noted jockeys, until a racing fall smashed his hand. Forced to learn a new trade, he joins a detective agency's Racing Section. Checking on bookmakers is ok, if a bit tame, then, Sid is shot. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Odds Against* by Dick Francis. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Join our group as we discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Kathy, the 31 year old narrator, tells her story about life as a student. It seems that in Hailsham, an elite school in England, all is not as it seems as the students are all clones – created for a special purpose. Call the library to register.

Ask a Librarian



Q: What does the D, in D-Day stand for?



A: D day is a U.S. military term designating the target date for an operation. It was first used by the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918, but became widely known in relation to the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944. "D" is merely a reiteration of the first letter of day.

Source: Reference 973.03 Dictionary of American History, p. 297.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

STAMP CAMP

June 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Have some fun with stamping cards and gifts with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up. There is a \$5 fee for supplies. Registration required.

MEET THE MOUSE

June 20, 24 or 26 Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. There will be a concentration on moving the mouse, clicking and learning important parts of the keyboard. This same class will be offered at three separate dates and times: Tues., June 20th from 1pm-2:30pm; Sat., June 24th from 10am-11:30am; or Mon. June 26th from 6pm-7:30pm. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early.

BASIC WINDOWS

June 21, 24 or 27 Basic Windows training will enable patrons to use computers at the library: using the mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, etc. This same class will be offered at three separate dates and times: Wed., June 21st from 1pm-2:30pm; Sat., June 24th from 1pm-2:30pm, or Tues., June 27th from 6pm-7:30pm. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 21, Wed. at 7pm Stillborn, Reuben Lands' father commanded him to breath, so he did. His father's first miracle! He is happy to report that "the doctor turned out wrong about the brain damage. I'm happy to say none surfaced until I entered 10th grade and signed up for Plane Geometry. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Please register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

June 22, 24, or 28 Learn what can be found on the internet and how to find information on the "Web" through search

engines. Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. This same class will be offered at three separate dates and times: Thurs., June 22nd from 1pm-2:30pm or Sat., June 24th from 3pm-4:30pm or Wed., June 28th from 6pm -7:30pm. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 26, Mon. 1pm Prior to his death at age 51 in 2002, Peter Barton completed his final rewrite of a life filled with the optimism and idealism of his generation. In *Not Fade Away: A Short Life Well Lived*, he gives us glimpses of a life packed with everything from his stint as a professional ski bum to his huge success as a visionary businessman and founder of MTV. Yet he sums up what truly matters are the moments of pleasure and love, those very present moments that redeem us in the end. This is a beautiful story of how to live. Please register.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

TEEN SUMMER READING: CREATURE FEATURE @ YOUR LIBRARY

June 5 to July 29 Young adults, ages 11 and older, may participate in an 8 week reading program. Each time 100 pages are read, they may complete an entry form for weekly and grand prize drawings.

SNACK & PLAN

June 5, Mon. at 3:30pm Members of T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants must be 12 and older, and will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

June 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Join this class for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Be sure to bring pictures and anything else you might want to use. Refreshments will be served. Share ideas with other participants. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Please call to register.

HISTORY VIDEO

June 13, Tues. at 2pm In D-Day and the Battle for France explore events from World War II through interviews and vintage footage. Refreshments will be served. Please call to register.

GET WILD @ YOUR LIBRARY

June 14, Wed. at 2pm Teens will play a variety of games, including Jeopardy, Fear Factor, races, and more.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

June 17, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint a "Blue picture in Tangerines." There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please call to register.

BOOKS & CHAT

June 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Join in on this discussion of *Thud* by Terry Prachett. It is a novel of fantasy, replete with vampires, werewolves, trolls and dwarves spinning a funny tale of police work, political maneuverings, prejudices, murder and impending war. It also offers insightful political and social commentary while poking fun at our national and world politics.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

June 24, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint an "Indiana Windmill." There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please call to register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

June 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore Italy. Visit Venice, the Italian Riviera and the port town of Genoa via the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please call to register.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO

June 5, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Julie Andrews hosts this documentary of *Broadway - the American Musical*. This episode, entitled "Give My Regards to Broadway," covers the years 1893 to 1927. Featured are the Broadway songs that started the art form known as the American Musical. Please call the library to register.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

June 8, Thurs. at 10:30am This month's meeting will feature a living history performance by R. J. Lindsey as the famed inventor, Thomas Edison. In this live presentation he will talk about his schooling, his first science experiment, his favorite invention, the phonograph and his most difficult invention - the electric light bulb. Refreshments will be served. Call Sand Ridge Bank for more details at 972-7317.

DOGS & SUDS

June 8, Thurs. at 5pm Celebrate the end of school (or the

the Staff Recommends: PERIODICALS

Flying has the broadest scope of the numerous magazines geared toward the private pilot and flying enthusiast. Most of the featured articles concern the various aspects of flying, from safety issues, historical articles, and airports to aircraft and instruments. Every aspect of general aviation is covered, with an emphasis on flying and contemporary aircraft. The magazine includes the sections "Flying News and Notes," "Training," "Flying Opinion," "Flying Safely," and "Pilots Reports." *Flying* magazine is informative and interesting, with excellent photography.

Motorcyclist covers a bit of everything: racing bikes, cruisers, American motorcycles vs. others, reviews, and more. The cover story is generally some new bike that simply screams for attention. The "Up to Speed" section focuses on what is "hot, hot, hot," and the "Real World" articles consists of "tips, tweaks, fixes, and facts." Safety is given a priority throughout the magazine.

Lakeland Boating: the Great Lakes boating magazine targets boaters in the Great Lakes region. Its focus is almost exclusively on powerboats and has a good balance of material about boats, equipment, and related activities. One of its best features is coverage of boating destinations throughout the region. These are usually thorough treatments of a specific location or waterway, including historical information, points of interest, put-in sites, marina services, and hospitality services.

NASCAR Illustrated Magazine is the magazine of 800-horsepower cars and paint-trading racing to crank the engine of NASCAR fans. It provides profiles and interviews with most popular NASCAR stars and spectacular photography that capture all the thrilling action on the track and all the glamorous action off it.

beginning of summer) with food, fun and "Wild Animal Jeopardy" with the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members at the library.

FINDING THE PERFECT HOME COVERUP

June 8, Thurs. at 7pm Todd Kuiper of J. C. Licht Co. will discuss finding the right color to paint your home. He will also discuss the supplies needed and how to get the job done. This is one in a series of programs co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Committee to promote the "Best House on the Block Contest." Register by calling the library.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 13, Tues. at 2pm *Summer Crossing* is set in East Chicago, Indiana. In his first novel, Steve Tesich relates the story of a boy on the brink of manhood and of the strange affair that changes him forever. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 14, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

June 19, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel through the rolling hills and urban areas of Pennsylvania. Visit the historic sites of Philadelphia, travel to Valley Forge and hear the stories about early American workmanship. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 22, Thurs. at 7pm Participate in a discussion of the 24th title in Earle Stanley Gardner's famous Perry Mason collection - *The Case of the Crooked Candle*. Mason suspected funny business when a \$750 insurance claim brought his client \$2,000. From there the trail led to sheep, oil wells, ships, a bloody footstep and a corpse, but it was the crooked candle that helped solve the crime. Copies of the book will be available beginning May 25th. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 26, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Watch this great classic, *Casablanca*, set in occupied Africa during the early days of World War II. Humphrey Bogart, an American expatriate, meets his former lover, Ingrid Bergman, with unforeseen complications. Refreshments will be served. Registration begins June 5th.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

SUMMER BOOK SALE

June 15, 16 & 17 The Summer Book Sale will be held in the lower level of the library during regular branch operating hours (Thurs. 10am-8:30pm, Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 9am-5pm). Materials for sale include adults' and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tapes and videos. For further information just call the Hobart library.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 15, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

June 20, Tues. at 2pm *Diary of a Mad Bride* by Laura Wolf is the diary of bride-to-be, Amy, with all her thoughts and trials in planning the perfect wedding with only \$10,000. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

QUILTING BEE

June 7, Wed. at 5pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

June 2006

2nd Yell "Fudge" at the Cobras in North America Day In order to keep poisonous cobra snakes out of North America, all citizens are asked to go outdoors at noon, local time, and yell "Fudge". Fudge makes cobras gag and the mere mention of it makes them skedaddle.

6th First Drive-in Movie Opens Anniversary In 1933, Richard M. Hollingshead, Jr., opened America's first drive-in movie theater in Camden, NJ. At the height of their popularity in 1958, there were more than 4,000 drive-ins across America. Today there are fewer than 600 open.

10th Original Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival Arcola, IL holds its 17th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy festival with a parade, arts and crafts and entertainment.

22nd Circus Train Wreck Anniversary In 1918, a Michigan Central Railroad troop train was deadheading back to the Midwest when it struck the rear of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train. The circus train had stopped to have its brake box overhauled at Ivanhoe, IN. Fifty-three circus performers were killed. Many of the animals were killed outright or had to be put down. The engineer of the troop train was accused of falling asleep at the throttle, but was tried and acquitted.

27th Happy Birthday to Happy Birthday To You Author The Happy Birthday song was composed by Mildred J. Hill, a schoolteacher born in Louisville, KY on this date in 1859. Her younger sister, Patty Smith Hill, was the author of the lyrics which were first published in 1893 as Good Morning to All. The lyrics were changed in 1924 to include a birthday stanza. It is now sung somewhere in the world every minute of every day.

Birthdays:

1st Andy Griffith 80 years-born Mount Airy, NC in 1926 (actor)

10th Maurice Sendak 78 years-born Brooklyn, NY in 1928 (author, illustrator)

11th Gene Wilder 67 years-born Milwaukee, WI in 1939 (actor)

25th June Lockhart 81 years-born New York, NY in 1925 (actor)

26th Charlotte Zolotow 91 years-born Norfolk, VA in 1915 (author)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 9, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

SCRAP-IT-TOGETHER

June 14, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other scrap bookers of all skill levels, from beginner to experienced and work on your scrap booking. Heather Cummings heads up this monthly group, so bring your photos, scrap booking supplies, and enthusiasm and enjoy a few hours with this hobby.

NIFTY NEEDLES NEEDLE ART

June 23, Fri. at 3pm Get together with other needle-artists for an afternoon of stitching and chatting. Bring your needle art projects with you, be it cross stitch, plastic canvas, needle-point or any other form of embroidery and enjoy some time for working on them with fellow needle-artists.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about [Happenings@your library](mailto:Happenings@yourlibrary).



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Share your garden paradise with us this summer. Take a photo of your beautiful flowers, bountiful vegetable patch, or ornamental flowerpots and bring it to the Munster Branch. We will be proud to display your garden photos for all of our patrons to enjoy. Happy Planting!

REFRESH YOUR LANDSCAPE

June 14, Wed. at 7pm Stan Sims, Lake County Extension Director, will present an informative program on how to freshen your landscape. Topics will include "what the books don't tell you," "can your landscape be saved," "where you go from here," and much more.

EXPLORE NEW ENGLAND

June 15, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Suffused with colonial history, New England boasts a mixture of Old World charm and New World sophistication. Our journey takes us from Plymouth through Boston to Connecticut, Vermont and Maine during the Fall, then back to Massachusetts. We will visit Provincetown and Martha's Vineyard before finishing our journey with a Rhode Island sailing experience.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 22, Thurs. from 10am-noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

June 23, Fri. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Old School* by Tobias Wolff. This is the story of a young man's senior year at an elite New England prep school. While struggling to fit in with his contemporaries, his life begins to unraveling due to the school's obsession with literary figures and their work.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

June 29, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Prince* by Machiavelli. This is a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

June 6, Tues. at 10:30am Learn how to paint with acrylics from an experienced instructor. This month's project is "High Button Shoe." There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials which is due at the time of the class. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

June 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

MEET THE MOUSE COMPUTER CLASS

June 9, Fri. from 1:30pm to 4pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Class size is limited and registration is required.

BASIC WINDOWS COMPUTER CLASS

June 12, Mon. from 1pm to 4pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, windows desktop, word processing and finding help. Participants should know how to use the mouse. Class size is limited and registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS

June 17, Sat. from 1:30pm to 4pm In Navigating the Net participants will learn how to explore the library's home page

while discovering web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS

June 19, Mon. from 1pm to 4pm For this program of Catalog Care & Make Friends with the Library Catalog, participants will receive an introduction to searching techniques. They will also use their patron accounts and create lists of titles for personal use. Participants should bring their Lake County Public Library card and know their P I N number. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

TEEN - CREATURE FEATURE

June 21, Wed. at 2:30pm Teens are invited to watch a classic creature feature, *Abbot & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, while making their own monster masks and munching on popcorn. Refreshments and craft supplies will be provided. Please register.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: THE GRAND CANAL

June 21, Wed. at 7pm Nathan Lane takes travelers to the lesser-known attractions along Venice's Grand Canal via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

STAMPIN'UP STAMP CAMP

June 27, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee for supplies. Registration required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

June 28 or 29, 7pm Wed. or 10:15am Thurs. Since birth, Anna has donated platelets, blood and bone marrow for her sister's leukemia treatments. But at age 13 she sues her parents for the rights to her own body. Join in this discussion of this provocative novel - *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult and the issues it raises. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Please register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

June 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Loretta Lynn's life is a true rags-to-riches story. Retrace her steps from the Kentucky coal mines to the Grand Ole Opry in this large screen video presentation. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

Lake County Public Library's Annual Summer Reading Programs

run throughout the summer,

June 5 - July 29, 2006

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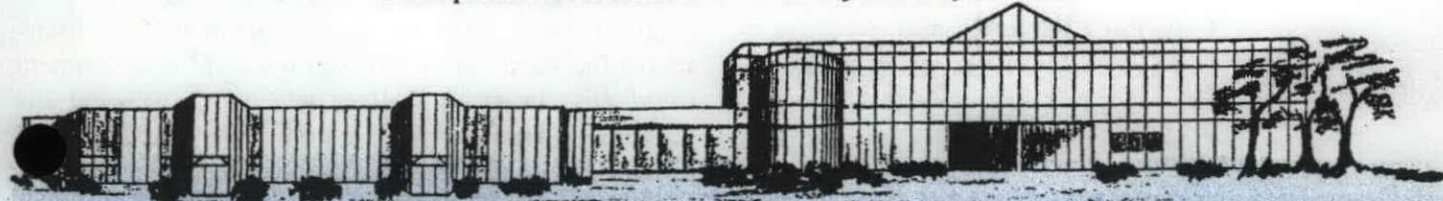
ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2006

This year one of the participants in the Lake County Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program will have the opportunity to "Stretch Out with a Good Book" in his or her very own brand-new recliner or hammock! De Young Furniture Co. is donating a recliner as one of the grand prizes for this event, and each library branch will award a hammock to another lucky winner at the end of the program. In addition, Walter E. Smithe will contribute an in-home or in-office design consultation worth \$100, allowing the fortunate person whose entry form is drawn for this prize to "Stretch Out with a Good Book" in style!

During our eight-week program, which runs from June 5 through July 29, weekly winners at each branch will be selected every Monday morning by random drawing from submitted entry blanks. One entry blank per book read or listened to must be submitted by 5:00 Saturday to be eligible for that week's prizes. Entry forms will be available at all library locations.

Weekly prizes this year will include our popular blue book bags to tote those books back and forth to the library; clip-on book lights especially convenient for reading while traveling; note cubes whose many possible uses might include booklists; and a package of music CD's chosen by our Audio-Visual Department to enhance your reading experience. Also, at the end of the eight weeks, a happy winner from each branch will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from Borders or Barnes & Noble! The winners of the bookstore certificates and the hammocks at each location will be selected from all the entries submitted at that location. The winners of the recliner and the design consultation will be selected from the total entries from all branches.

So "Stretch Out with Many Good Books" this summer, and be sure to turn in entry forms for each of them to your favorite LCPL branch location!



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

WHAT'S INSIDE @your library

Lake County Public Library's Munster Branch was one of 60 public and academic libraries recently selected by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office (PPO) and Nextbook, a gateway to Jewish literature, culture and ideas, to receive grants for *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature* programs. This is the fourth round of *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature - Identity and Imagination* grants awarded by ALA and Nextbook. During the course of the three-year initiative a total of 159 libraries have been selected to participate.

Based on the *Let's Talk About It* reading and discussion model pioneered nationally by ALA starting in 1984, *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature* features scholar-led, theme-based discussions that explore the best in contemporary and classic Jewish literature. Libraries selected for the project are required to promote and present a five-part discussion series based on one of four themes for a public audience. Munster Branch Library Manager and Project Director Linda Dunn has chosen scholar Rabbi Michael N. Stevens to lead a five-part series based on the theme *A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World*. The public is invited to a "Meet the Scholar" program on Wednesday evening, July 5, at 7:00 pm at the Munster Branch Library. At that time, participants will have an opportunity to interact with Rabbi Stevens and learn more about the upcoming book discussions.

The actual five-part series begins two weeks later, on July 19, at 7:00 pm, and continues on the third Wednesday evening of each month through November 15. Adults and teenagers who are interested in joining the discussions may request a copy of the month's featured title up to 4 weeks in advance from either the Munster Branch Library or any of the other Lake County Public Library locations. All discussions, however, will take place at the Munster Branch, 8701 Calumet Avenue, Munster.

The July 19 program will explore *Tevye the Dairyman* by Sholem Aleichem. Tevye, whose character formed the basis for the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, is an educated workingman in tsarist Russia, struggling to make a living, marry off his many daughters, and live an old-fashioned life. Subsequent discussions will focus on the following books: *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska (August 16); *1185 Park Avenue: A Memoir* by Anne Roiphe (September 20); *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth (October 18); and *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg (November 15). For more information or to request a copy of this month's selected title, contact the Munster Branch Library at 219-836-8450.

The Munster Branch is looking forward to hosting what promises to be both an exciting and stimulating book discussion series. Our highly qualified scholar has been a regular Munster Branch library patron for years and is well-acquainted with both the Lake County Public Library

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system and the branch staff. Rabbi Stevens received an M.A. in Hebrew Literature in 1974, his Rabbinic Ordination in 1976, and his Doctor of Divinity in 2001, all from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York. He has served as Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Munster since 1987 and has been a guest lecturer in the Department of English and Philosophy, Purdue University Calumet, since 1996.

Linda Dunn
Munster Branch Manager



Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

STRETCH OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK

"Stretch out with a good book" from the Lake County Public Library and earn a chance to win one of several prizes this summer: a recliner donated by DeYoung Interiors in St. John, an in-home or in-office design consultation donated by Walter E. Smithe in Merrillville, a hammock, a book store gift certificate, and other weekly prizes. Adults may submit one entry form for each book that is read now through July 29 at any of the library's twelve locations. Audio books also qualify for entry.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – SUMMER CLASSES

Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Language classes for those learning English as a second language. These lessons place emphasis on conversation as well as reading and writing English. Three levels of instruction are offered. To join this ongoing class call ext. 309.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 5, Wed. from 1 to 4pm Beginning computer users will learn to hold, move and click a mouse correctly. Our new 3 hour format will allow more time for practice. Register to attend at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: BASIC WINDOWS

July 12, Wed. from 1 to 4pm The next step for the beginner – learn about the keyboard and the Windows desktop, while developing basic word processing skills. Our 3 hour format allows time for practice. Register to attend at ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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MEET ME IN CENTRAL EUROPE:
FICTION FROM SOME FORMER
SOVIET BLOC NATIONS

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

July 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman. Everybody involved in caring for little Lia wanted only the best outcome for her, but their dramatically opposed world views proved catastrophic. This is an eye-opening, poignant account which raises a number of questions for our culturally diverse nation. Register to attend at ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

July 14, Fri. at 9:30am This month's meeting for seniors, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will be "What's In A Basket" presented by Barb Young of Baskets by Design. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to this free program. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370.

COMPOSTING/SOIL AMENDMENTS

July 18, Tues. at 7pm In this fifth session of the Gardening Series, Master Gardener Larry Anderson will demonstrate how to enhance your soil's ability to insure an outstanding garden. Up for discussion are pointers on how to compost effectively and efficiently, as well as, the advantage of nourishing the ground upon which you plant. Please register, ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

July 19, Wed. from 1 to 4pm Beginners, explore the library's website and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. This 3 hour format provides time for practice. Register to attend at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

July 26, Wed. from 1 to 4pm Learn how to search for a book, a video, or a cd using our online catalog. Place your own "holds" and renew items on your library card. You will use the skills that you learned in previous classes. Bring your library card. Register to attend at ext. 346.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

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Q: Does the library have any books that will help me prepare for my CNA nursing exam?

A: Yes, the library carries a variety of examination books including nursing, teacher, postal, GED, SAT, ASVAB, TOEFL, electrician, plumbing, and more. The library also provides a database of practice examinations called *Learning Express Library* on our home page at www.lakeco.lib.in.us. Click on the Magazine, Newspapers, and Database link to locate the *Learning Express Library* link, and start improving your test taking skills with automatic scoring of your exam and detailed answers to each question. The database also includes a variety of e-books to help you sharpen your skills.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Handsome undertaker Hitchcock Sewell manages to meet bodies in unlikely places – which is him to dirty videos, political blackmail and police corruption. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *The Hearse You Came In On* by Tim Cockey. Call the library to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 31, Mon. at 6:30pm After 50 years of marriage, Lily Butler must come to terms with the fact that her husband has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Join our group as we discuss *Beloved Stranger* by Clare Boylan, the story of a woman who discovers life after marriage. Call the library to register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

HELP DESK

July 8, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm Help with Basic Windows, Word, Excel, E-mail, Internet, and Library Catalog. I'm a gadget-freak librarian, not a computer expert, but I've been using computers for 20 years, so I've made most of the mistakes you come up against. We have 8 computers, so register early to participate in this computer class.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 19, Wed. at 7pm Staid, dowdy Latin teacher April Epner has always known she was adopted but now Bernice

Graverman, the flamboyant TV talk-show hostess, is announcing to the world that she's April's mother. Join this informal discussion of the novel *Then She Found Me* by Elinor Lipman, and stay for dessert. Please register.

GRIFFITH GAB: A YEAR BY THE SEA: THOUGHTS OF AN UNFINISHED WOMAN

July 24, Mon. at 1pm In this memoir, Joan Anderson shares the joy and self-knowledge she found during her year of semi-isolation. After her two sons were grown, she decides not to follow her husband out of state when he accepts a new job. Instead, she moves alone to a cottage on Cape Cod. Here she re-establishes her connection to nature and is able to discover new hope. Anderson confides, "I'm beginning to think that real growing only begins after we've done the adult things we're supposed to do." Register to participate in what promises to be a lively discussion of responsibilities to one's family and self.

STAMP CAMP

July 25, Tues. at 6:30pm Take a break from the summer heat with stamping cards and gift packages. Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! will guide your creativity. There is a \$5 fee for the supplies that will be provided. Register to attend this class.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN

July 3, Mon. at 3:30pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board (12 and older), and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

READER LEADER

JULY 5, 12, 19 & 26, Wed. at 2pm Primary grade children will have fun with reading when they pair up with teen volunteers to read, play games, and make crafts. Participants will celebrate their work and fun with an ice cream party on the last day of the 4 week session.

SCRAP BOOKING

July 5, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures and anything else they want to use to make a page. Refreshments will be served. Share ideas and have fun!

HISTORY VIDEO: JEWEL OF THE DESERT

July 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn about one of the greatest natural discoveries in the history of Arizona: the

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extraordinary underground world that led to the creation of one of the most unique state parks in America, Katchner Caverns State Park. Refreshments will be served.

MONSTROUS MANIA @ YOUR LIBRARY

July 17, Mon. at 6:30pm Teens (11 and older) will watch movies, construct monsters, and dabble with monstrous makeup.

BOOKS & CHAT

July 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. This innovative debut tells the story of the unusual marriage of Clare and Henry, who suffers from Chrono-Displacement Disorder. This disease causes his genetic clock to reset and pulls him to emotional moments in his life, past and future. The book will be available at the circulation desk. Please register by calling the library.

TEEN SUMMER READING: CREATRUE FEATURE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Through July 29, Young adults, ages 11 and older, may participate in the remainder of this 8 week reading program. Each 100 pages read may be used as an entry form for weekly and grand prize drawings.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

July 31, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to bring a favorite stuffed bear for story time fun. You will participate in a host of activities, including songs, stories, games, and making scrumptious picnic food. You will also make a cave for your bear.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY FILM

July 3, Mon. at 2pm Join us as we watch this episode of the Broadway documentary: *I Got Plenty O' Nothin'* which chronicles the songs and shows of 1930 to 1942. This entertaining, musical film will be featured on the big screen tv. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 10, Mon. at 2pm Susan Minot's *Evening* brings to light the reminiscences of a glorious summer weekend by 65 year old Ann Grant Lord. Surrounded by her children, the ailing matriarch recalls a time 40 years earlier when she met and lost the love of her life. Copies of the book are available at the branch circulation desk. Due to scheduling conflicts, this monthly book discussion will take place on Monday afternoon only. Please register.

the Staff Recommends: AV

Hang on Little Tomato by Pink Martini

Pink Martini's album "Hang on Little Tomato" is one you would probably hear in a hip little coffee shop on a bright and sunny Sunday morning. It's a jazzy little album that will make you heart smile. *WARNING* Not all of the songs are in English, but the liner notes have the lyrics, so you can still sing along.

If you dig this group as much as I do, they'll be coming to the House of Blues in Chicago this fall.

This is Mullet Rock by Various Artists

Get out your Aquanet hairspray for this 2-disc compilation album, "This is Mullet Rock." Yes, believe it or not, I am endorsing "the mullet album." Fans of the big hair bands will probably have all of these songs somewhere, but this album is like a much anticipated time capsule. Some songs on the album are questionable for their mullet association, like "Takin' Care of Business" by BTO, but all in all, a well put together album. Best song for laughs—a live version of Sister Christian's "Night Ranger."

Possibilities by Herbie Hancock

John Mayer, Sting, Christina Aguilera, Carlos Santana, Joss Stone, Annie Lennox. Does that make me a "name dropper?" Nope. I'm just reading some of the stars who worked with the great jazz keyboardist, Herbie Hancock, on his latest album, "Possibilities." The names may draw you in, but the quality of the music will keep you wanting for more. All of the tracks are worthy—give it a spin, or two or three!

Julie Bradford

Assistant Head of Audio Visual Services

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 12, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 12, Wed. at 6:30pm Offered is a class for people with little or no computer skills. Attendees will learn to move the mouse, left and right click correctly, and define the important parts of the keyboard. Registration begins June 28th.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB: COUNTRY-BLUE GRASS

July 13, Thurs. at 10:30am John Cash and his brother, the former owners of the County Porch in Hammond, have entertained crowds with their Blue Grass/Country music for years. Join us as they perform their music for the Sand Ridge Club. Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

July 13, Thurs. at 1pm This basic computer class will provide instruction on the keyboard, the desktop, how to use the mouse, how to open and close programs and how to perform word processing. Registration begins July 3rd.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: COLORADO

July 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm The Rocky Mountains form the backdrop to this historical and adventurous journey through the state of Colorado. Ride to the top of Pikes Peak, visit Denver, see the old mining town of Cripple Creek, and float the rapids on Gunnison River. View the magnificent scenery on our big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

July 20, Thurs. at 10:30am Beginners will explore the library's website and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration begins July 3rd.

CLASSIC FEATURE FILM

July 24, Mon. at 2pm & 7pm Join us as we watch this classic film that chronicles the life story of George M. Cohan. Featured in *Yankee Doodle Dandy* are such great songs as *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *Yankee Doodle Boy*, and *You're A Grand Old Flag*. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG 101

July 26, Wed. at 3pm An introductory class to educate library users on how to search and use the library catalog. Topics will include searching options, accessing your library patron record and other options. Class size is limited, so register early.

AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

July 27 & 28, Thurs. & Fri. from 10am to 2pm AARP Representative, June Laws, will present this two day driver training class designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. A fee of \$10 per person is due at the time of registration no later than Monday, July 24. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to AARP. Participants may bring a sack lunch and beverage.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 27, Thurs. at 7pm After 9/11, the Schulman family leaves the dangers of New York City for the suburb of Riverside, NY. When the headless body of Lynn Schulman's oldest friend floats to the surface on the local river, they realize Riverside might not be the sanctuary they were seeking. In Peter Blauner's *The Last Good Day*, the cop who investigates turns out to be Lynn's old boyfriend, who is still angry over her rejection of their adolescent romance. He then begins stalking her and the Schulmans find themselves in a fight for their lives. Join us for a lively discussion of this

entertaining mystery. Please register.

CLASSIC FILM

July 31, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm In this recently released film, *Memoirs of a Geisha* chronicles the life of a famous Kyoto geisha from her painful apprenticeship in the 1930s through her later years in Manhattan. This feature will be presented on the big screen tv. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

July 2006

1st-31st Cell Phone Courtesy Month There are more than 180 million cell phone users in the U.S. This month is dedicated to encouraging the increasingly unmindful corps of cell phone users to be more respectful of those around them. www.etiquetteexpert.com

8th Aspinwall Crosses the US on Horseback: 95th Anniversary On July 8th, 1911, Nan Jane Aspinwall rode into New York City carrying a letter to Mayor William Gaynor from San Francisco Mayor Patrick McCarthy, becoming the first woman to cross the US on horseback. She began her trip in San Francisco on Sept. 1, 1910, and covered 4,500 miles in 301 days.

16th National Ice Cream Day To promote America's favorite dessert on "Sundae Sunday".

20th Locust Plague of 1874 To commemorate the threat of the Rocky Mountain locust during the summer of 1874. Beginning in late July of that year, the largest recorded swarm of these locusts descended on the Great Plains. Estimated to contain 124 billion insects which formed a swarm 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide; it ranged from Canada to Texas. They caused an estimated \$200 million in crop destruction.

25th Andrea Doria Sinks: 50th Anniversary In 1956, the Italian liner collided with the *Stockholm*, a Swedish liner, on its way to New York. Some 1,634 people were rescued during the ordeal, including the captain and crew.

Birthdays:

1st Olivia de Havilland 90 years-born Toyko, Japan in 1916 (actor)

4th Neil Simon 79 years-born New York in 1927 (playwright)

9th Tom Hanks 50 years-born Concord, CA in 1956 (actor)

22nd Bobby Sherman 61 years-born Santa Monica, CA in 1945 (actor, singer)

24th Julie Krone 43 years-born Benton Harbor, MI in 1963 (jockey)



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

July 18, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm Pascale LeDraoulec's *America's Back Roads: American Pie* offers slices of life (and pie)! Join us for a tasty dessert (pie, of course) and a appetizing discussion of regional pastry favorites.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 20, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

QUILTING BEE

July 5, Wed. at 5pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 14, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

SCRAP-IT-TOGETHER

July 14, Fri. 3pm Get together with other scrap bookers of all skill levels, from beginner to experienced and work on your scrap booking. Heather Cummings heads up this new monthly group. So bring your photos, scrap booking supplies, and enthusiasm and have fun for a couple of hours.

NIFTY NEEDLES NEEDLE-ARTISTS

July 19, Wed. at 6pm Gather with other needle-artists for an evening of stitching and chatting. Bring your needle art project with you, be it cross stitch, plastic canvas, needle-point, or any other form of embroidery and enjoy some time for working on it with fellow needle-artisans.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information
about Happenings@your.library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46312

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Share your garden paradise with us this summer! Take a photo of your beautiful flowers, bountiful vegetable patch, or ornamental flowerpots, and bring it to the Munster Branch. We will proudly display your garden photos for all of our patrons to enjoy. Happy Planting!

MEET THE SCHOLAR

July 5, Wed. at 7pm This preview of the "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" reading and discussion series will give participants an opportunity to meet local scholar, Rabbi Michael N. Stevens. Come learn what's in store for the five-part series scheduled for July through November. Please register.

SO YOU WANT TO GO TO YALE

July 10, Mon. at 7pm A representative from Yale University will be available to answer questions that any prospective students may have. Find out what it takes to get into an Ivy League school.

HERB GARDENING

July 12, Wed. at 7pm Karen Hix of the Porter & Lake County Herb Societies will present this informative program on the best ways to grow and use herbs.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

July 19, Wed. at 7pm This is the first session in the five-part series: "A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World." Series scholar Rabbi Michael N. Stevens will lead a discussion of *Tevye, the Dairyman* by Sholem Aleichem. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the circulation desk. Please register.

EXPLORE SOUTH DAKOTA

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm In South Dakota they don't just carve stone, they carve entire mountains! Visit Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, the Crazy Horse Memorial, the annual Buffalo Roundup, Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood home, and much more.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 27, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

July 27, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Dis-

cussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers invited to a discourse of *The Death of Ivan Ilych* by Leo Tolstoy, a selection from the *Third Series of Great Books*.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

July 28, Fri. at 1:30pm In *Bastard Out of Carolina* by Dorothy Allison, Ruth Anne Boatwright, an illegitimate child in a family of social outcasts, sees her mother's happiness with her new husband. As a result she doesn't tell when the step-father begins abusing her.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

July 8, Sat. from 9:30am to 1pm Learn how to paint with acrylics from an experienced instructor. There is a class fee of \$12 that covers the cost of materials. Beginners are welcome. Registration required.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: JAPAN

July 19, Wed. at 7pm Explore the history and culture of Japan via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

STAMPIN' UP STAMP CAMP

July 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of supplies that will be provided. Register to attend.

TALKING ABOUT

July 26 or 27, Wed. at 7pm, Thurs. at 10:15am Judge Stockdale decides to leave his wife of 40 years and marry a woman with whom he has been having an affair for seven years. Find out how his wife and children react in this novel by Joanna Trollope. Call the library for a copy of *Marrying the Mistress* and register to join us for a spirited book discussion.

Did you know all

Lake County Public Library Branches feature wonderful opportunities to see Magic Shows, Live Animal Events, Gardening Programs, Painting Lessons, along with Computer Classes?

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

OIL PAINTING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

July 22, Sat. from 9:30am to 4:30pm Beginners will learn how to paint with oils from Susan Young, artist and Certified Master instructor. There is a \$45 fee that covers all of the materials for a 16"x 20" painting on display at the library. Be sure to bring a roll of paper towels and a light lunch. Registration with a non-refundable deposit of a \$10 check is required no later than July 15.

There is still time to Read and Win!
Adult Summer Reading runs through
July 29, 2006.

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READ-A-THON WINNERS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the 22nd Annual Read-a-thon. The program was again a rousing success, and a boost to literacy, involving nearly 1,200 youngsters reading an impressive number of books in 11 of the Lake County Public Library Districts.

Special accolades to this year's number one participant from each library branch:

Molly Rodgers – Black Oak Branch
Francisco Briseno – Cedar Lake Branch
Kinan Kudaimi – Central Library
Sarah Ruiz – Dyer-Schererville Branch
Monet Sierra – Forty First Avenue Branch
Brendon Fox – Griffith Branch
Dean Lebeter – Highland Branch
Samantha Bracich – Hobart Branch
Hannah McDaniel – Lake Station Branch
Jordan Cistola – Munster Branch
Jenna Torres – New Chicago Branch

And a special note of appreciation for the organizations that so generously sponsored the Award Breakfast for the 2006 Read-a-Thon:

Altrusa International, Inc.
Centier Bank
Peoples Bank
Sand Ridge Bank
Strack & Van Til
Bank Calumet
Walmart



"Readers Are Winners"

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 5, 12, 19, Wed. at 10am or 11am Toddlers (ages 6 to 35 months), along with a caregiver, will have a ball during this half-hour program with stories, songs, and rhymes. Registration required for each session by calling ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programing JULY 2006



HAPPY MOVIE DAY!

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages can take a break from the heat while enjoying the fun with the animal adventures in *Madagascar* (86 minutes). Call ext. 360 to register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 10, 17, 24, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will meet all kinds of animal friends with wonderful stories, songs, a video and a craft. Registration required for each session by calling ext. 360.

BACKYARD SCAMPS & SCAVENGERS

July 11, Tues. at 10am or 2pm What goes on in the backyard after dark? Children, who have completed grades Kindergarten to 4, will hear stories about raccoons, possums, skunks and other wild critters. They will also have the opportunity to join in on "wild" games and create a craft. Registration required by calling ext. 360.

BUBBLEOLOGIST

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages will be amazed and entertained by Bubbleologist Keith Evans as he demonstrates his fantastic display of bubbles of all sizes. Register at ext. 360.

WATER FUN

July 18, Tues. at 10am or 2pm For children in grades Kindergarten and up, there will be stories about water animals, and a chance to play some wet games. Wear clothes that can take a drenching and bring a towel! Registration required by calling ext. 360.

THE 3 LITTLE PIGS...AND FRIENDS

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 2:30pm There will be two identical performances of *The Three Little Pigs*, accompanied by the *Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly*, and the animals on *Noah's Ark*. Register for a specific performance by calling ext. 360.

DOGGONE FUN

July 25, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Children who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade, will listen to funny stories about "man's best friend" and make dog biscuits to take home. Register at ext. 360.

RONALD McDONALD READING SHOW

July 27, Thurs. at 12 Noon Ronald McDonald, everybody's favorite red, white and yellow clown, will promote reading with his tricks, jokes and audience participation stunts. Be sure to register early to join in on the fun by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PURPLE COWS

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm Children ages 3 and older are invited to make a paper bag cow puppet and sample some yummy "purple cows." Registration required.

LIONS

July 11, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to make a friendly lion picture. Please register.

CAT & MOUSE GAMES

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 and older, will make a tic-tac-toe game to take home. Registration required.

CD PEACOCKS

July 18, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will hear the story *The Spooky Tail of Prewitt Peacock* and then make a not-so-spooky peacock magnet. Register by calling the library.

PEACOCKS

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm Children, ages 6 and older, will make a peacock picture using paper, glitter and stickers. Registration required.

SUMMER READING FINALE

July 27, Thurs. at 2pm The Summer Reading Program will go out with a bang when everybody's favorite clown, Ronald McDonald, comes in for a visit. Children of all ages will be thoroughly entertained. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

BUMBLE BEES

July 3, Mon. at 2pm Young children, ages 3 to 5, will make a bumble bee flying Frisbee. Registration required.

BUG SHOW

July 5, Wed. at 2pm Children, ages 6 to 10, can bring to the library a back yard bug they catch (try to avoid bees). We will learn about each before we set them free. Ribbons will be awarded to the best bugs! In addition, the children will make a balancing bug. Registration is required.

CREEPY CUISINE

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm Children, ages 10 to 14, will cook gross-outs to serve to friends. They will learn how to make "Chips & Lips," "Sulfuric Acid Swig," and "Toenail Truffles." Registration required.

OTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 10, 17, 24, Mon. at 10:30am On these three consecutive Mondays, 6 to 35 month old children with a caregiver will participate in a 30 minute lap-sit program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Registration is required.

CALICO DOGS

July 11, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school aged children, 3 to 5 years old, will make a colorful jointed dog from craft foam. Registration is required.

IT'S RAINING CATS & DOGS

July 12, Wed. at 2pm 6 to 10 year old children will make a cloth collage of a cat or dog. Registration is required.

MONSTER MAKE-UP

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm Teens, ages 11 to 14, will learn some quick and easy ways to turn themselves into a monstrous mess. Registration required.

JAKE THE HORSE VISITS

July 14, Fri. at 2pm Children of all ages will enjoy the chance to meet Jake. They will have the opportunity to discover what it takes to keep a horse, even for those who are city-dwellers. Registration required.

CAT BIRDS

July 18, Tues. at 2pm Using their imagination, children ages 3 to 5 will create a "flying" cat (catbird). Registration required.

BIRD BRAINS

July 19, Wed. 2pm School aged children, ages 6 to 10, will turn clothes pins into magnetic note holders for the refrigerator. Register to participate.

PIZZA, POPCORN & WOLFMAN

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm Young teens, ages 11 to 14, can come in to eat some pizza and popcorn while watching one of the all-time favorite horror flicks - *The Wolf Man*. Please register.

LUNCH TIME FLICKS

July 21, Fri. at Noon Children of any age can bring a packed lunch and watch the classic film, *Old Yeller*. Have you read the book? Let's discuss which is better, the movie or the book.

CUPCAKE BINGO

July 27, Thurs. at 2pm All summer reading participants will play a marathon bingo game for cupcakes and find out who won the raffle. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

TEEN CREATURE FEATURE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Young adults, ages 11 and older, may participate in the last 4 remaining weeks of this reading program. Each time 100 pages of a book are read, an entry form may be completed for the weekly and grand prize drawings.

SNACK & PLAN

July 3, Mon. at 3:30pm Members of the Teen Advisory board, and those 12 and older wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

READER LEADER

July 5, 12, 19, Wed. at 2pm Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities.

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ANIMAL TRACKS

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm Educators from the 4-H School Enrichment Program will present *Animal Tracks*. Children (ages 6 to 12) will learn about unique characteristics and habits of Indiana animals. Each participant will make animal track rubbings and organize them into a booklet. Kindergarten and first grade children will need parental assistance.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 7 to 28, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers (ages 6 to 36 months), along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music activities, and more.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 11 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school story hour continues as these young children (ages 3 to 5) enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films and crafts. Themes in July will be dogs and cats.

PAW POWER BLUES DOG CLUB

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm Dorothy Rowe of Cedar Lake Paw Power Blues Dog Club will present a program to children (ages 6 to 12) on dog training and obedience, agility and service work. Along with her will be a dog or two.

MONSTROUS MANIA @ YOUR LIBRARY

July 17, Mon. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will watch movies, construct monsters, and dabble with monstrous makeup.

PET ROCKS

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm School age children should bring a rock, the library will provide paint and wiggle eyes. Rock stories will be told and the film, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* will be shown.

GRAND FINALE: FARMYARD FRIENDS PUPPET SHOW

July 26, Wed. at 2pm The Cedar Lake puppeteers, the Puppeteens, will present *Farmyard Friends* – a delightful puppet show featuring fun and familiar tales of animals on the farm. Crafts and light refreshments will complete the program. Children will also receive summer reading certificates.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

July 31, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to bring their favorite stuffed bear for story time fun and participate in a host of activities including songs, stories, games, and making scrumptious picnic foods. And, of course, it will be necessary to make a cave for the teddy!

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUDDIES TO CUDDLE STUFFED PET SHOW

July 5, Wed. at 1pm Bring your favorite "Cuddly Critter" or just come to look at the Summer Reading Program Buddies to Cuddle Stuffed Pet Show. Awards will be given for grooming, costume, cuddliness, presentation and so on. Be sure to register early as space is limited, and remember, stuffed animals only.

TEEN ZONE

July 6, 13, 20, 27, Thurs. at 5:30pm Teens (and those who have completed 4th grade or higher) meet weekly for refreshments and fun. Come each week and find out what the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) has planned. Pick up your T.A.B. brochure with listings of the summer programs just for teens.

BROWN BAG MOVIES

July 7, 14, 21, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring a packed lunch and beverage to view a movie on the library's big screen. Popcorn will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Viewing schedule: *101 Dalmatians* on July 7; *The Land Before Time* on July 14; *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* on July 21.

TODDLERS

July 10, 17, 24, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Two-year-old toddlers, and a caregiver, will enjoy stories, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Registration is required.

GIBSON WOODS NATURALIST

July 11, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm A Gibson Woods Naturalist will bring a snake and tortoise for "Show and Tell." Children will then create a snake out of old neckties to take home. Registration is required.

BOOKIN' WITH RONALD MCDONALD

July 12, Wed. at 2:30pm Ronald McDonald is visiting the Highland McLibrary discovering wonderful adventures including magic tricks, science experiments, and even a talking dictionary! Everyone is invited. Just call to register.

IT'S A HORSE OF COURSE!

July 18, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm Children, who have completed Kindergarten or higher, will meet at the library. Together we will take a short walk to meet Conrad Kerosky and his horse. Registration is required.

BUSY BEES

July 19 & 26, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will delight in stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and other activities. Registration required.

STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

July 20, Thurs. at 7pm Young and old are invited to enjoy slightly spooky stories by local storyteller, Karen Slager. Then it's time to take your turn at the microphone with a short story you would like to share! Please register.

COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO & A RABBIT, TOO!

July 25, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm Who ever heard of a rooster getting combed, or a rabbit for that matter? Children, who have completed Kindergarten or higher, are welcome to join Conrad as he demonstrates the finer details of getting his pets ready for the 4H Fair. Registration required.

PICNIC

July 28, Fri. at 12:30pm All Highland Summer Reading Program participants and their parents are invited to bring a lunch and drink to the Main Square Gazebo for our annual closing day picnic. Registration is not required.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

ANIMAL RESCUE

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm Wildlife Rehabilitator, Mark Seeger, will offer tales of animal rescue. Associated with the Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehab Center, and licensed with the state of Indiana, Mr. Seeger will introduce children to some of the animals that now live with him. All participants are asked to bring a can of dog food to help feed needy animals. Registration required.

PET SHOW

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" invites your pet to share in the summer fun! This is your chance to show off your pets. Every pet will be awarded a special certificate of participation. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage. All pets and owners must be registered to participate in this program.

MOVIE BREAK

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm Follow the escapades of a troupe of lovable dogs, in the Disney animated classic tale of *Lady and the Tramp*. Bring a snack and enjoy a break from the heat.

ANIMAL TALES & TUNES

July 27, Thurs. at 2pm *Tales & Tunes* will introduce you to the legends and lore of animals from the Midwest to Australia. Join in LeMonnier for songs and stories, tales and tunes. Please register.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

SUMMER STORY HOURS

Every Monday at 6pm Children (ages 3 to 7) will hear presentations of stories and short films. Participation activities will include songs, finger plays and crafts. Featured will be *Butterflies* on July 3, *The Moon* on July 10, and *Kittens & Cats* on July 17. Please register.

JAPAN: STUFFED PAPER FISH

July 12, Wed. at 2pm School age children (5 to 9 year olds) will hear a Japanese folktale, learn about Japanese culture and make Japanese Stuffed Paper Fish! Registration required.

CREATE YOUR OWN JOURNAL

July 12, Wed. at 6pm Have fun decorating your own journal. Provided will be notebooks, magazine clippings and so on. Teens in grades 4 through 12, should also bring any items they would like to use to decorate their journal.

MARK SMALL-BALLOON ARTIST

July 19, Wed. at 2pm The incredible Balloon Artist, Mark Small, will teach children (grades Kindergarten to 3rd) how to make balloon animals. Please register.

WOODEN SPOON PUPPETS

July 26, Wed. at 2pm Children who are in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will paint faces on wooden spoons and add hair, etc. to them to create unique theater characters. Wooden spoons will be provided but you may bring your own if you like. Registration required.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

July 26, Wed. at 6pm Teenagers (grades 4 through 12) can join in on a discussion of *Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson. Books will be available for checkout at the circulation desk. Please register to participate.

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

NEW CHICAGO FIRE TRUCK

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm The wonderful firemen from the new Chicago Fire Department will be bringing the fire engine again. Wear your bathing suits and bring a towel! You will get a tour of the fire truck and a "hose down." Register to participate.

JAPAN: STUFFED PAPER FISH

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (5 to 9 year olds) will hear a Japanese folktale, learn about Japanese culture and make Japanese Stuffed Paper Fish! Registration required.

BUTTERFLY MOBILES

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will hear a butterfly story, learn all about butterflies, and have fun making a butterfly mobile to take home. Registration required.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

LOOK! IS IT A BIRD, A SHARK, A FLYING FISH?

July 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 6 (must have completed kindergarten) and older, will explore creatures that take flight, dive deep and do a little of both. Stories, games, and a craft will be included.

EVERY PET NEEDS A HOME

July 6, Thurs. at 2pm The Humane Society of the Calumet Area will visit with some furry friends to discuss how best to care for your pet and why you should visit them before going to a pet store. Children of all ages are invited, though pre-school youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

July 10, 17, 24, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 2 & 3, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times. Each week will feature different animals; working animals, animals in the air and sea, and animals that only exist in your imagination. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4's, 5's & 6's

July 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children (ages 4, 5, and 6 who have not yet completed Kindergarten) are invited to our story times in July. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. July's themes are working animals, underwater/ in the air, and fantasy.

ANIMALS WITH A PAYCHECK

July 12, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children ages 6 (must have completed Kindergarten) and older will look at animals that work for a living. Stories, games, and a craft that will "udderly" surprise you will be included.

IT'S A "DOG'S" JOB, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT!

July 13, Thurs. at 2pm Deputy Commander Jim Tatge will stop by the Munster Branch Library with his canine partner to explain their role with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Children of all ages (pre-school age and younger must be accompanied by an adult) are welcome, along with their questions.

CURIOUS GEORGE

July 21, Fri. at 2pm Take a break from the heat and enjoy *Curious George* on the big screen. Popcorn will be served during this event for children of all ages, though pre-school age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

I SAW IT, I SWEAR!

July 26, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children ages 6 (must have completed Kindergarten) and older will design their own perfect pet and look at some of the outrageous animals that only a few have ever seen. Stories, games, and a craft will be included.

MR. TWISTER

July 27, Thurs. at 2pm "Mr. Twister" will amaze all with his balloon animal-making skills. He will teach children of all ages (though pre-school age and younger must be accompanied by an adult) how to make their own balloon animals. Following the program, balloons will be distributed and children will have an opportunity to try their own balloon-twisting skills.

VOLUNTEER MEETING/THANK YOU PIZZA PARTY

July 31, Mon. at 1:30pm It's the Summer Volunteer meeting and Thank You Pizza Party. All Summer Volunteers are invited!

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 6, Thurs. at noon Children of all ages may bring a lunch to eat while watching the movie, *Madagascar*.

PRE-SCHOOL BUGS

July 11, Tues. 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about different bugs, go on a bug hunt, make glow-in-the-dark fireflies, and watch a short film. Registration required.

CREATURE FEATURE FOR TEENS

July 12, Wed. from 2:30-4:30pm Teens are invited to watch Tim Burton's *Corpse Bride*, while making their own puppets and munching on popcorn. Refreshments and craft supplies provided. The movie is rated PG. Please register.

SCHOOL AGE PET ROCKS

July 13, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School aged children will decorate pet rocks and make ice cream. Registration required.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Infants and toddlers (6 to 36 months old), along with a caregiver, are invited to a lap-reading program featuring rhymes, stories and activities. Registration required.

FIRE! FIRE!

July 19, Wed. at 2pm Calling all children: put out the heat of summer with a refreshing spray of cool water from the Schererville Fire Department Truck! Learn about safety from the experts. Bring a towel. Rain date will be Thursday, July 20th at 2pm.

PRE-SCHOOL DOWN ON THE FARM

July 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about farm animals, make an Old MacDonald Mobile, and watch a film. Registration required.

CALUMET CLOWNS

July 27, Thurs. at 2:30pm All children who participated in summer reading will be entertained by the Calumet Clowns. Face painting, balloon animals, and a magic show will be the highlights.

St. John Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

DINOSAURS!

July 5 or 6, Wed. at 6:30pm or Thurs. at 11am Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will hear stories about dinosaurs, enjoy musical activities, finger plays, the film *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* and make a dinosaur craft. Registration begins June 21.

FISH TALES

July 11 or 12, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will hear *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and other fish stories, enjoy musical activities, finger plays and make a craft to take home.

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 13, Thurs. at Noon School age children (who have completed 1st grade and up) will enjoy watching Animal Planet's *Dragon World*. This movie runs an hour and forty minutes. Children may bring a sack lunch and a drink. Please do not bring red or other dark liquids (spills will stain the new carpeting!). Seating is limited, so register early.

PURR-RIFIC CATS

July 18 or 19, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school children (ages 3 to 5) will enjoy stories about cats, musical activities, finger plays and make a craft. Registration required.

EDIBLE LANDFILL

July 20, Thurs. at 2pm This fun and tasty program will help children of all ages understand the importance of landfills to the environment. Seating is limited, so be sure to register.

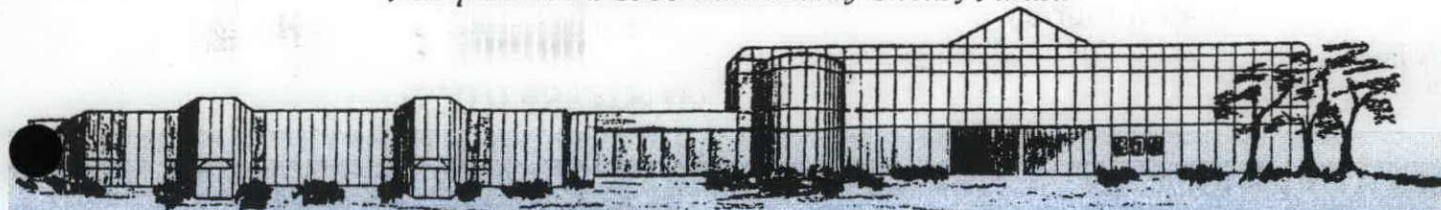
JELLY BEAN THE CLOWN

July 27, Thurs. at 2pm The grand finale of the summer reading program will present Jelly Bean the Clown to entertain all of the children who participate during the season with magic and storytelling. Please register.



It's not too late.

Summer Reading runs until July 29. Read and record your books to be eligible for prizes. Every branch has something for everyone. Come on in and get caught up in the fun!



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Moving Forward Toward Opportunity

Hello! My name is Sharon Ball and I am the Community Resources Coordinator for the Lake County Public Library. Having worked this position for fifteen years, one of the most rewarding responsibilities of my job is coordinating the Lake County Public Library Literacy Program. While managing the Literacy Program, I have met hundreds of people from around the world – all asking for help. And I am proud to say that many of these people have achieved success through the Lake County Public Library Literacy Program and we look forward to helping even more.



Sharon Ball,
LCPL's Community Resources Coordinator

All of us have seen the advertisement on TV urging us to buy a certain car and move forward. You don't have to buy a new car to move forward, but you must be ready to seize the opportunity for progress and change. Change and moving forward is what the Literacy Program is all about. Recently, I asked a group of our students what they liked about America. They all had the same answer – opportunity, the opportunity to move forward and do better. Over the years we have had many success stories such as: many of our students have been able to start successful businesses, attend area universities, and even have the chance to attain better jobs. A majority of our former students have also become United States Citizens. In other words, the help of the library literacy program, they are moving forward towards opportunity.

The Library Literacy Program offers

group classes for adults learning English as a second language (ESL) that meet for two hours, two nights a week. They are offered for beginning, intermediate and advanced English language students. These classes study reading, writing, listening, speaking, and discuss cultural differences. Our summer classes had students from nineteen different countries spread over five continents.

Classes are taught by volunteers, usually retired school teachers, and additional volunteers act as facilitators offering individual help during class. Because of the rapid growth of these classes, the library is always looking for volunteer help. For anyone who is interested in volunteering, there will be a class called Introduction

to Tutoring on August 28th at 6:30. This is a basic introduction explaining what tutoring is and what it is not.

As a result of student requests, the library literacy program also offers citizenship classes that are held quarterly. Partnering with the International Institute of Northwest Indiana, these classes are for individuals studying to take the United States citizenship test. Our next class will start on Saturday, September 9th. Another class being offered will be an Immigration Rights workshop taught by Executive Director of the International Institute Larry Sharp on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to classes, we offer a variety of English language materials: books, periodicals, cassettes, computer software,

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and videos for check out. Our program also refers students to all other literacy programs in Northwest Indiana. For additional information about any of these programs please call 769-3541 extension 309.

Helping people is something near and dear to those who work for a library and helping others is pivotal to the mission of our very own library. That is why I love my job at the Lake County Public Library.

Sharon Ball
Community Resources
Coordinator



Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 2, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

GREAT DECISIONS

Aug. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions discussion program is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Each month, a two-week discussion will be held with a topic outlined for the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "Human Rights in the Age of Terrorism." A one-time fee of \$5 helps cover the cost of the book. Register by calling the library at 769-3541, ext. 339.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Aug. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a humorous and touching chronicle of a love – and a marriage – that persevere for fifty years. Please register ext.340

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Aug. 11, Fri. at 9:30am This month's meeting for seniors, sponsored by Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, will be Pet First Aid presented by the American Red Cross. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to this free program. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370.

SHADE GARDENING

Aug. 15, Tues. at 7pm Discover what lovely blooms and colorful foliage can grow and thrive in the shadows! Master Gardener, Darryl Dorin will discuss and provide details of

how to garden those areas of your yard that rarely catch a glimpse of the sun. Register at ext. 317.

MUSIC SERIES:

TRAVELER'S DREAM

Aug. 23, Wed. at 7pm Bring your friends and family to a night of traditional music from the British Isles, French-Canada, and early America. *Traveler's Dream* will be here to present a rich sampling of diverse musical treasures of early America. The performance will include combinations of various instruments including the Scottish small pipes, Irish flute and whistle, guitar, fife, mandolin, feet percussion and jaw harp. Please register by calling ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO TUTORING

Aug. 28, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm An orientation class for those interested in working with learners to improve basic skills in reading or those needing help learning English as a Second Language. Please register on ext. 309.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

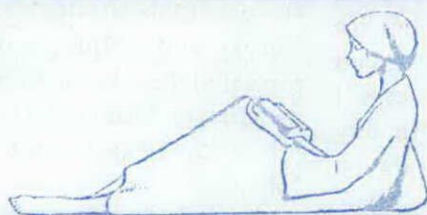
MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm Lizzie Borden was acquitted, though everyone "knew" she was guilty. What if, 30 years later, Lizzie's neighbor is killed with an axe? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Miss Lizzie* by Walter Satterthwait. Please register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Come and visit with us as we discuss Ian McEwan's *The Atonement*. The story opens in England, 1935, and follows the life of Briony Tallis as she accuses a neighbor boy of assault on her cousin and ends many years later when Briony is an elderly novelist. Register to attend.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

LEGENDS OF ARTHUR – TOLD AND RETOLD

prostitute, who wanted out of the business. As Scudder begins to uncover the lethal secrets in the slain girl's past, he finds his life on the market as well. Join us as we discuss Lawrence Block's *Eight Million Ways To Die*. Call the library for a copy of the book and to register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 28, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Glory Road* is the inspiring true story of the Texas Western basketball team coached by Don Haskins that went all the way to the NCAA championship with the country's first all African-American starting line-up. Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling the library.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

BOOK CHAT

Aug. 15, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J. K. Rowling has Harry Potter returning for his sixth year at Hogwarts' school in the midst of chaos in the wizardry world. During private study sessions with Professor Dumbledore, Harry begins to learn secrets which may help him battle Voldemort. Please register for a fascinating discussion of this best selling book.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 17, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

QUILTING BEE

Aug. 2, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

SCRAP IT TOGETHER

Aug. 9, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other scrap bookers of all skills levels, from beginner to experienced and work on your scrap booking. Heather Cummings heads up this monthly group, so bring your photos, scrap booking supplies, and enthusiasm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

August 2006

2nd Declaration of Independences: Official Signing: Anniversary Contrary to wide-spread misconceptions, the 56 signers did not sign as a group and did not do so July 4, 1776. John Hancock and Charles Thomson signed only draft copies that day. The signing of the official document occurred Aug. 2, 1776, when 50 men probably took part.

7th Hatfield-McCoy Feud Erupts: Anniversary Long-simmering tension between two Appalachian families erupted into full-scale violence on Election Day 1882. Brothers Tolbert, Pharmer and Randolph McCoy knifed and shot Ellison Hatfield. The Hatfield family captured the McCoys. When Ellison died on Aug. 9, the Hatfields executed the brothers. The feud finally sputtered out around the end of the century.

15th National Relaxation Day Hold the phones, call in sick, or just take a nap. Today is the perfect excuse to reduce stress and improve your lifestyle by relaxing.

21st Hawaii: Admission Day: Anniversary 1959; President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union.

26th National Dog Day More people have dogs for pets than any other animal in the country. Dogs treat us better than we treat each other. Here is one day to recognize and honor them for their love, loyalty and life saving skills. www.nationaldogday.com

Birthdays

4th Barack Obama 45 years-born Honolulu in 1961 (senator)

4th Helen Thomas 86 years-born Winchester, KY in 1920 (journalist)

12th William Goldman 75 years-born Chicago in 1931 (writer)

15th Linda Ellerbee 62 years-born Bryan, TX in 1944 (journalist)

30th Lewis Black 58 years-born Silver Springs, MD in 1948 (comedian)

NIFTY NEEDLES NEEDLE ARTISTS

Aug. 16, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other needle-artists for an evening of stitching and chatting. Bring your needle arts project with you, be it cross stitch, plastic canvas, needlepoint, or another form of embroidery and enjoy some time for working on it with fellow needle-artists.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Share your garden paradise with us this summer. Take a photo of your beautiful flowers, bountiful vegetable patch, or ornamental flowerpots and bring it to the Munster Branch. We will be proud to display your garden photos for all of our patrons to appreciate and enjoy. Note: please submit photo's by August 19th. Happy Planting!

SHADE GARDENING BEYOND THE HOSTA

Aug. 9, Wed. at 7pm Sandy Klausman, a confirmed hostaholic, will talk about companion plants for the shade garden. A slide presentation will take you through the growing season from beginning to end.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Aug. 14 & 15, Mon. & Tues. from 10am to 2pm AARP representative June Laws will present this 2 day classroom style refresher course designed for adults to improve their driving skills. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Some insurance companies offer a discount to participants. There is a fee of \$10, payable to AARP prior to class. Register by calling June Laws at 944-8375.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Aug. 16, Wed. at 7pm This is the second session in the five-part series, "A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World." Rabbi Michael N. Stevens, se-

ries scholar, will lead a discussion of *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska. Copies of the book are available for checkout. Please register by calling the library.

EXPLORE PENNSYLVANIA

Aug. 17, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Visit Pennsylvania, from the rolling forest-covered hills of the rural areas to the modern urban centers. Visit historic sites along the cobbled streets of Philadelphia. Travel to Valley Forge. Ride through covered bridges and past painted barns, and hear about early American workmanship.

LIBRARY TOURS

Aug. 18, Fri. at 10:30am, 1:30pm & 3:30pm As part of Munster's Centennial celebration, Munster Branch staff will conduct tours of the library. Stop in to learn what the Munster Branch Library has to offer the community. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Aug. 25, Fri. at 1:30pm In *Larry's Party* by Carol Shields we follow the life of an average-seeming man, Larry Weller. Originally a florist, Larry becomes an internationally renowned expert on mazes. And the maze, in turn, stands as a neatly complicated image of his life - hedged in by circumstances, uncertain about directions, often taking wrong turns and finally reaching his goal. Copies of the book will be available at the branch.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Aug. 31, Thurs. at 7pm The group will take a one-month break from the regular *Great Books Series* to discuss a title of their own choosing, *The Rats of Hamelin*, by Adam McCune. Newcomers welcome! Call the branch for the title and to reserve your copy.



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1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Aug. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

Ask a Librarian

Q: What information does the library have about traveling in Indiana?

A: Search the Library Catalog using the subject search box. Type in the words Indiana guidebooks to find some interesting book titles such as: *Country Roads of Indiana: Drives, Day Trips, and Weekend Excursions*, *Great Indiana Weekend Adventures*, and *Dining Secrets of Indiana: A Guide to Unique Restaurants and Eateries throughout Indiana*. Search for videos by using the key words Indiana travel video.

Be sure to visit www.lakenetnwi.org for local entertainment ideas from the events calendar. Under the travel section of Useful Websites on our library homepage, you can find a link to Enjoy Indiana which lists festivals and events throughout the state.

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838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

STAMP CAMP

Aug. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm Get ready for the fall with stamping cards and gifts with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of supplies. Call the library to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 16, Wed. at 7pm In 1947 eleven year old Irish-American Michael Devlin meets war refugee Rabbi Judah Hirsch, who teaches the boy English, and baseball, and so much more. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill.

GRIFFITH GAB: ABOUT MY SISTERS

Aug. 28, Mon. at 1pm As Debra's unconventional parents crisscrossed the world in search of the perfect place to live, she and her three sisters developed a strong and unrestraining closeness as girls. This relationship is maintained today as adults. With deep feeling, she depicts the life of her family through a year of celebrations and crisis's in *About My Sisters*. Please register.

2006 LCPL's Summer Reading Program declared a success. Thank you to all our wonderful patrons who "stretched out with a good book."



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SCRAP BOOKING

Aug. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning & experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided which is due at the time of class. Register by calling the library.

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Aug. 7, Mon. at 4pm Teens who volunteered during the summer will enjoy pizza, make-your-own sundaes and fun as the library thanks them for all their hard work.

HISTORY VIDEO

Aug. 8, Tues. at 2pm In *Jewel of the Desert*, viewers will learn about one of the greatest natural discoveries in the history of Arizona. This extraordinary underground world that led to the creation of one of the most unique state parks in America: Katchner Caverns State Park. Refreshments will be served.

COOL COMEDY

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BOOKS & CHAT

Aug. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This fascinating story is set in Afghanistan during the last days of the monarchy. It tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of the family servant, the family relationships that bring them together, and the betrayal that drives them apart. With the destruction of the country, and the wealthy family's flight to America, it is ultimately a story of redemption and love – between friends, spouses, and fathers and sons.

SNACK & PLAN

Aug. 21, Mon. at 5pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (teens 12 and older), will

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eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer time.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Aug. 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a Western Caribbean cruise via the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

FUN WITH DANCE

Aug. 23, Wed. at 7pm Participants will learn basic ballroom dance steps, including the Cha Cha, the Waltz, Salsa, and more. There is a \$12 fee for the lessons, due at the time of class.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Aug. 24 & 25, Thurs. & Fri. from 10am to 2pm Participants will take a refresher course in safe driving and learn important tips for avoiding driving hazards. Those who complete the course may qualify for auto insurance discounts and should consult with their insurance agent. Refreshments will be served. The course is for adults, age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP as a check or money order only. Registration required by calling AARP instructor June Laws at 944-8375.

MAGNIFICENT MAGIC

Aug. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages (though pre-school age and younger must be accompanied by an adult) will enjoy magical stories and games, learn magic tricks and make one to take home.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO

Aug. 7, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch this episode of the Broadway documentary: *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'* which chronicles the songs and shows of 1943-1960. This entertaining musical film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Register by calling the library.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 8, Tues. at 2pm only Precious Ramostwe, owner of the Number 1 Detective Agency in Botswana, specializes in missing husbands, wayward daughters, con men and impost-

the Staff Recommends

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Resident cardholders can now access business, medical and literature reference books online. Using a resident library card number and personal identification number (PIN), users can read and search the content of reference books from the convenience of their homes.

Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) includes reference works as individual title databases that can be searched individually or combined in a cross-title search.

GVRL is an ideal circulating reference collection – available anytime, anywhere from the library's website at www.lakeco.lib.in.us.

Stop in at any of our libraries today and try this new resource. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Department at 769-3541.

ers. When she sets out on the trail of a missing child, she is tumbled headlong into some strange situations and a little danger. Pick up a copy of *The Number 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith at the library and us for an informal discussion. Call the library to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 9, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

SANDRIDGE MORNING CLUB

Aug. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Edward Hmurovic, of the Munster Historical Society, will entertain with his slides and stories of our neighboring community, Munster, Indiana. Did you know the first general store and postal station of Munster was opened by Jacob Munster? Many facts, photos and historical nostalgia have been compiled in his book: *Images of America Munster, Indiana*. Call Sandridge Bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Aug. 21, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Castles of corn and soybeans tower over the rolling hills of Iowa. Join us as we visit the National Mississippi River Museum in DuBuque; tour the Amana colonies; attend an old thresher's reunion; and learn about horse archery. Call the library to register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss P.I. Matthew Scudder's investigation into the brutal killing of a young

STAMPIN' UP STAMP CAMP

Aug. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of materials due at the time of class. Please register by calling the library.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: ROME

Aug. 16, Wed. at 7pm Tour historic Rome via large screen video. Refreshments will be served. Please register to let us know if you plan to attend.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Aug. 23 or 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am In *Before You Know Kindness*, a novel by Chris Bohjalian, a delightful summer week at a country house in New Hampshire is shattered by a terrible accident, testing the values and relationships of the Seton family. Copies of the book are available in the library. Please register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 10, Thurs. at 1pm Beginning computer users will learn to hold, move and effectively click a mouse. Class size is limited and registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 14, Mon. at 1pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, windows desktop, word processing and finding help online. Participants should know how to use the mouse. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 16, Wed. at 1pm In this computer class participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while discovering web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration is required.



The *Friends* of the Lake County Public Library are hosting the Annual Fall Book Sale. Visitors will converge on this extraordinary event to find incredible pricing on hard cover books, paperbacks, encyclopedias, audio cassettes, cd's, and even some feature films and documentaries! There will be a "preview sale" for Friends members only on Thursday, Sept. 28th from 4pm to 7pm. You can become a member (or renew your membership) on preview night.

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Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations. These donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors, materials from our local service organizations, and program sponsorships from local businesses. We express our sincere appreciation to those who have made a gift from March through May 2006.

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Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

WATER BALLOON FUN

Aug. 16, Wed. at 1pm School age children (Kindergarten and up) will play capture the flag with a twist- water balloons will be used to defend your position. Registration required.

SHH! LISTEN

Aug. 22, Tues. at 3:30pm Meet Amos, the mouse from *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson. School age children (grades Kindergarten and up) will practice listening skills while a chapter from the book is read. Everyone will make a button hummer, which is a toy colonial children would have made. Please register.

NAME GAME

Aug. 29, Tues. at 3:30pm While taking a fun look at the alphabet, school age children (grades Kindergarten and up) will learn how to sing the name game and make a craft using initials. Registration required.

Cedar Lake Branch

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SNACK & PLAN

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CHESS

Aug. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

MAGNIFICENT MAGIC

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Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
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www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

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2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

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www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm
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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SUMMER READING AWARDS OPEN HOUSE

Aug. 2, Wed. from 10am to Noon Certificates, ribbons, and extra prizes will be awarded. Any child (age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult) who has participated in the summer reading program may attend. Summer Raffle winners will also be drawn.

SNACK & PLAN

Aug. 3, Thurs. at 1:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for any student currently in 5th grade or higher will be held. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

Aug. 7 & 8, Mon. & Tues. Children ages 11 to 15 can learn to be a certified babysitter. The class is 8 hours and takes place over two days. Individuals must attend both days in order to complete the certification process. There is a \$25 fee which must be paid at the time of registration. A birth certificate is required for class enrollment. Bring paper, writing utensil, and a snack. Space is limited to 10 youngsters per class with two sessions offered: 9am to 1pm or 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Aug. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 6 to 23 months are invited to our first Mother Goose session of the season with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

ALL AMERICAN GIRL

Aug. 10, Thurs. at 3pm Molly White will give a presentation on her American Girl Collection. She will read stories, explain the dolls and their history, as well as answer questions.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

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Celebrate International Library Card Sign-Up Month With the Library!

Can you name the one item that is made of plastic, only 2 x 3 1/2 inches big, totally free, and is a ticket to a whole world of opportunity? It's your library card. It is amazing how just by having this small library card in your hand, you can have access to a goldmine of books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape, computer access, and internet access. Since this one little card possesses so much, we decided to recognize the month that celebrates this wonderful offer. September is *National Library Card Sign-Up Month* and the Lake County Public Library would like to remind you to use your library card and enjoy all the important privileges a library card gives you.

Observed since 1987, *Library Card Sign-Up Month* is also a time when we remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. September is such a great time to promote literacy in our community and a love for libraries because it is right at the beginning of the school year. Libraries make learning fun along with offering a nurturing environment where the doors of knowledge are open to young people to read and learn for the rest of their lives.

During the month of September, Lake County Public Library is sponsoring a program entitled "Cool Kids Have a Library Card." This program encourages children

from toddlers thru eighth grade to celebrate having a library card. Children can participate in our program just by showing us that they have a library card. When they show it to a librarian, they can choose a prize, receive a sticker for their library card and enter a raffle drawing for a gift certificate for a free book. Children should be proud to show others that they have a library card.

Holding a library card shows that you support the idea of having a dynamic, advanced community center for education, information, and entertainment. And, it supports our wonderful librarians who work hard to help serve everyone. Our librarians are the ultimate search engines, helping you and your family acquire information: from health advice, job inquiries, and

other needs. Librarians also provide book discussions, exhibits, musical performances, craft activities, computer classes, story hours, and other programs for children and adults. Of course, librarians are always available to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests and teach critical information literacy skills.

So, if you would like to invest in a wonderful world of endless imagination, information, and entertainment.... Why not visit the library today and apply for, or use your very own library card and see where it takes you!

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IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE

Sept. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Executive Director of the International Institute, Larry Sharp, will discuss the legal rights of immigrants and the process for becoming a United States citizen. For more details and to sign-up for this program, call ext. 309.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Sept. 8, Fri. at 9:30am Tony Hobson of Centier Bank will make a presentation on "FDIC Insurance - Do You Know As Much As You Think!" Adults (50 and older) are invited to this free program. Refreshments are served. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for further details.

WOMEN & HEART DISEASE- KNOWLEDGE IS PRICELESS

Sept. 11, Mon. at 6:30pm Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the US. Cardiac Rehab RN's from Community Hospital are providing an informal presentation on the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in women. Register at ext. 317.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Sept. 11 through Nov. 1, Mon. or Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Classes for adults learning English as a second language will emphasize conversation, as well as reading and writing. Three levels of instruction are offered. Classes will meet in the library's Literacy Center. Call ext. 309 for further details and to register.

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SCIENTIFIC MYSTERIES:

Using science to commit or uncover a crime.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Sept. 12, Tues. from 10am to Noon Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana is offering a free class this month and next for families who have a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The class, What Caregivers Need to Know, will explore dementia and Alzheimer's disease and the changes it causes within the brain, communication and behavior changes as a result of the disease process. Attendees will receive hands-on strategies that will help encourage or assist loved ones with daily care activities. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180

GREAT DECISIONS: CHINA & INDIA

Sept. 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions discussion program is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Each month, a two-week discussion will be held with a topic outlined for the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "China & India." A one-time fee of \$5 helps cover the cost of the book. Register by calling the library at 769-3541, ext. 339.

IDENTITY THEFT

Sept. 13, Wed. at 1pm One bit of personal information is all someone needs to steal your identity. While you can't entirely control whether you will become a victim, there are steps you can take to minimize your risk. Corrine Powell, Consumer & Family Sciences Educator of Purdue University, will look at seven habits you can practice to prevent identity theft and what you must do if your identity is stolen. Register at ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Magnificent wealth and grinding poverty; soaring creativity and utter depravity; all the extremes of the Gilded Age are on display in this enthralling story of a great architect, a psychopathic killer and the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Please register by calling ext. 340.

ORCHIDS

Sept. 19, Tues. at 7pm Learn the intricacies of that rare and tropical bloom, the orchid. In the September session of the gardening series, Master Gardener Bob Bukvich will dispel the mystery of this exquisite flower. Call ext. 317 to register.

The 2007 Entertainment Coupon Books (\$20) and the 2007 Golden Opportunities Coupon Books (\$25) are now available at any of the Lake County Public Library's locations and can be used immediately! Take a look at the samples in your local branch and choose the one that suits you best. They also make great Christmas gifts!

Ask a Librarian

Q: Do you have a copy of the *Recommended Reading List* for area schools?

A: Yes! Please visit our Lake County Public Library's home page at www.lakeco.lib.in.us and click on the Reader's Advisory Link in the yellow area. When the page opens, scroll down to the *School Reading Lists* section. Click on the link for your school's reading list.

Once you have chosen a book to read, use our online catalog, from our home page, to see if the book is at a branch near you. If the title is not at a branch near you, you may place a "request" by using your library card and PIN. This allows patrons to have books sent to any branch they choose.

Don't have a PIN? Visit one of our convenient locations to establish a Personal Identification Number.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

3401 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm A Reference Librarian as detective – what better place than a library to discuss it? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *The Grand Complication* by Allen Kurzweil. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm In *The Jester* by James Patterson, Hugh De Luc, a common man, goes to fight in the Crusades 996. On his return he finds his wife has been taken captive and his infant son slain. In order to exact his revenge, he becomes a jester to enter the castle of the nobleman responsible. Join us as we discuss this rousing adventure tale.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

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STAMP CAMP

Sept. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm Get a jump start on the holidays with stamping cards and gifts with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up. There is a \$5 for the cost of materials. Call the library to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 20, Wed. at 7pm At the birth of his daughter, Holland begins planting eucalyptus trees. Once she becomes an adult, he decrees that the man who marries his daughter must be able to name all the varieties of those trees. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Eucalyptus* by Murray Bail. Books will be available at the branch. Please register.

GRIFFITH GAB

Sept. 25, Mon. at 1pm The author, Robert Fulghum, a retired Unitarian minister, sets the book's tone in the title piece and sets out his credo, ranging from "share everything" to "hold hands and stick together." He relates stories of courageous and loving people, including a Russian soldier and Mother Teresa. His philosophies can't help but evoke dreams, imagination, hope and laughter for the reader. Join us for a thoughtful discussion of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Please register.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SCRAP BOOKING

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CEDAR LAKE READS

Sept. 9, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Participants will enjoy a festival of fun activities, including games, food, crafts, and stories. Families can drop in anytime during this 2 hour open house and join in celebrating *Library Card Sign-Up Month*. Children who sign up for a library card, or show the card they already have, will win a prize.

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HISTORY VIDEO: HAUNTINGS

Sept. 12, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn about recent breakthroughs in deciphering Maya glyphs and archeological discoveries while taking a new look at the Maya in the enthralling video recording, *Hauntings*. This group is now widely considered to have been the most brilliant and advanced indigenous people of the Americas. Refreshments will be served.

CHESS

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

PARENTING YOUNG CHILDREN

Sept. 18, Mon. at 6:30pm Sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service will be a presentation of practical tips for parenting, ways to deal with difficult situations, and how to have more fun. Debi Jellema, a licensed therapist, experienced counselor and dynamic speaker will discuss many good ideas and great insight. A story time for children of attendees will be provided. It will include stories, crafts, music, and a short film.

IDENTITY THEFT

Sept. 19, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn steps to prevent identity theft and what to do if identity is stolen. Corinne Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator from Purdue University, will present this program.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 20 or 28, Wed. or Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and typing. Class size is limited, so be sure to register by calling the library.

BOOKS & CHAT

Sept. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Author Katherine Flotz will join readers to discuss her memoir, *A Pebble in My Shoe*. Her book tells the stories of two families in the turmoil of World War II Yugoslavia. One is the author's own story as a young girl in a concentration camp, the loss of her family and eventual escape. The other is the story of her future husband's family – always running, one step ahead of the enemy.

the Staff Recommends...PERIODICALS

Body & Soul – aims to provide information on nurturing the spiritual health and well being of the body and mind. Its publisher's mission is to "inspire and empower people in their quest for a healthier and more spiritually fulfilling life. Nutrition, meditation, yoga, and a healthy lifestyle are all prominently featured in every issue. It is a guide to living a healthier, balanced, and more joyful life.

Eating Well – is a well balanced treatment for people who are interested in both health and food backed by a well credentialed nutrition and health advisory board. Do you think twice about what you eat? Do you love great food? Welcome to *Eating Well* the award winning magazine where good taste and good health meet. Brings must know nutrition facts and advice, tips to help you shop smarter, and 50+ delicious recipes for lighter foods.

Spirituality & Health – explores today's spiritual renaissance and the connection between health and spirituality. Offers psychological and spiritual support, health news, advice on prayer, spiritual practice and meditation. The magazine discusses all aspects of personal growth including spiritual beliefs, music, media and the arts.

Yoga Journal – your guide to more healthful living. Stretch your body, mind, and soul with *Yoga Journal*. Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or advanced practitioner of Yoga, you'll find plenty of useful information in every issue that is aligned with your needs. Most articles are profusely illustrated with photos of yoga poses and yoga classes. This journal offers information for yoga practitioners at all levels.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 20 or 28, Wed. or Thurs. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Class size is limited so be sure to register by calling the library.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 25, Mon. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Call the library to register.

FIESTA!

Sept. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with stories, food, crafts, and a piñata. Children who register for a library card, or show one they already have, will win a prize!

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Sept. 26, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will visit Nevada with its

harsh desert landscape, ghost towns, and Las Vegas, "the last great American boomtown." Refreshments will be served.

GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Sept. 27, Wed. at 2pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the internet for tracing their ancestors, including using the library's Ancestry Library & Heritage Quest databases. Please register.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO: TRADITION

Sept. 11, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch this episode of the Broadway Musical Documentary, *Tradition*, which chronicles the songs and shows of 1957-1979. This entertaining musical film history will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 12, Tues. at 2pm Four children in rural Ontario struggle to stay together after their parents die in an accident. Join our discussion of Mary Lawson's fascinating story of sibling rivalry and family dynamics in *Crow's Lake*. Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 13, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Kent Loosemore of Taltree Arboretum will discuss and show slides of this 360 acre sanctuary located in Valparaiso. The arboretum offers nature trails for hiking, classes and even outdoor concerts. Register by calling 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: MISSOURI

Sept. 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Take this visual trip as we view various Missouri sites, including the St. Louis Arch, the Kansas City fountains, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, Hallmark cards, Branson and the American Jazz Museum. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 25, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch this classic story of Anne Sullivan's struggle to teach Helen Keller how to communicate in *The Miracle Worker*, starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Join in on this discussion of *The Dog Who Bit a Policeman*, the 12th title in Stuart Kaminsky's series of Moscow cop, Porfiry Rostnikov. Rostnikov, Senior Investigator in Russia's Office of Special Investigation, is faced with three crimes, all set amidst corrupt, Mafia-ridden Moscow. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Register.

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Congratulations to Dyer resident Gary Hyslop! Of the 13,616 adult books read and entered in the Summer Reading Drawing, Gary is now the proud owner of the grand prize – a brand new recliner from DeYoung Interiors of St. John. With the delivery of this new furniture he will now be able to "Stretch Out With A Good Book" at any time.

Events and Anniversaries Around the World

SEPTEMBER 2006

1st-30th Library Card Sign-Up Month Launched in 1987, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child has a library card.

3rd-9th National Waffle Week A celebration of the wonderful, crispy breakfast treat and its contributions to American society. www.waffleweek.com

12th "Lassie" TV Premiere: Anniversary Beginning in 1954, this beloved series was originally about a boy and his courageous and intelligent collie, Lassie (played by more than six different dogs, all male)

22nd American Business Women's Day A day set forth by Congress on which all Americans can recognize the important contributions more than 57 million women have made and are continuing to make to this nation.

27th Ancestor Appreciation Day A day to learn about and appreciate one's forebears. (tip: check out your library—they can help!)

Birthdays

5th Bob Newhart 77 years-born Chicago in 1929 (comedian, actor)

7th Julie Kavner 55 years-born Los Angeles in 1951 (actor)

15th Prince Harry 22 years-born London in 1984 (royalty)

22nd Bonnie Hunt 42 years-born Chicago in 1964 (actor)

30th Elie Wiesel 78 years-born Sighet, Romania in 1928 (author, activist)



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

TEENS ARE COOL KIDS, TOO!

September is *National Library Card Sign-Up month*. Every time teens show their card to checkout materials during this month, they will receive an entry to win a \$25 Best Buy gift card. So stop in at the Hobart, New Chicago or Lake Station library branch for a winning opportunity.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Sept. 19, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker is about the lives of three black women. All three have followed different paths in life but due to circumstances help each other become independent and strong. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 21, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

IMPROVING YOUR MEMORY

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Participants will learn how age affects factors that affect memory and ways to improve your memory. Corrinne Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Purdue Extension Educator, will present this free program. Registration required.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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QUILTING BEE

Sept. 6, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 8, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

SCRAP-IT-TOGETHER

Sept. 13, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other scrap bookers of all skills levels and work on your scrap booking. Heather Cummings heads up this new monthly group. So bring your photos, scrap booking supplies, and enthusiasm and have a fun couple of hours.

NIFTY NEEDLES NEEDLE ARTISTS

Sept 20, Wed. at 6pm Get together with other needle-artists for an evening of stitching and chatting. Bring your needle art project with you, be it cross stitch, plastic canvas, needle point, or another form of embroidery and enjoy working on it with fellow needle-artists.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 6, Wed. at 7pm Joan Kregel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Turnadot* by Giacomo Puccini. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Register.

NEXT YEAR'S ROSE GARDEN

Sept. 13, Wed. at 7pm Anna and Wayne Barnes, Master Gardeners, will present this informative program on how to prune and winterize roses, as well as plan for next year's garden. Register.

CALUMET BEGINNINGS

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm This program, *Early Regional History from the Ground Up*, is the first in the Munster Centennial Speaker Series. An animated slide show illustrates how our area came to be - and how it came to be claimed by the French, British, Spanish, and the new American nation. Professor Kenneth Schoon discusses changes to the land that civilization has made, and the beginnings of the communities that today comprise the Calumet Area. Register.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE SERIES

Sept. 20, Wed. at 7pm In the third session of the five-part series, "A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," series scholar Rabbi Michael N. Stevens leads a discussion of *1185 Park Avenue: A Memoir* by Anne Roiphe. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Please register.

EXPLORE MICHIGAN

Sept. 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Discover the sights and sounds of Michigan. Visit Detroit, Motown and the Henry Ford Museum. See the Diego Rivera exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Art. Tour Mackinac Island and May's fudge creations, and much more! Register.

WOMEN & HEART DISEASE

Sept. 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Although heart disease is the equal opportunity killer, more women than men die of heart disease each year. Come and listen to Cardiac Rehabilitation RNs from Community Hospital to learn what you can do to protect yourself. Register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 27, Wed. at 7pm Carl DiNello of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Iphigenie en Tauride* by Christoph Willibald Gluck. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos, the worlds of two women in self-imposed exile are transformed when their paths intersect. Margaret Hughes is a septuagenarian who lives alone in a mansion in Seattle with only a massive collection of valuable antiques for company. Enter Wanda Schultz, a young woman with a broken heart, who has come to Seattle to search for her wayward boyfriend. When Margaret opens her house to the younger woman, everything begins to change. As their friendship evolves, secret pasts are revealed and reclaimed, launching a series of remarkable and unanticipated events. Register to participate in this lively book discussion by calling the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 7pm We will be starting a new season with the *Fourth Series of Great Books!* The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. The first selection for discussion will be *The Indestructibility of Our Inner Nature* by Arthur Schopenhauer. Be sure to register for this captivating book discussion. The Fourth Series of books are available for \$30.00.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Sept. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMPIN' UP STAMP CAMP

Sept. 19, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of materials due at the time of class. Please register by calling the library.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: AMSTERDAM

Sept. 20, Wed. at 7pm Explore Amsterdam by bicycle via large-screen video. Refreshments will be served.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Sept. 26, Tues. from 10:30am to 2pm Learn how to paint with acrylics from an experienced instructor. There is a class fee of \$12 to cover the cost of all materials. Beginners are welcome. This month's project is "Bowl of Blueberries." Registration is required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Sept. 27 or 28, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am In *The Eyre Affair*, Jasper Fforde creates a world in which one can literally get lost in literature. Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop a famous criminal from kidnapping characters from works of literature. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Please register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

CRIMINAL'S CORNER BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 10:30am In the middle of the snow storm, bookseller and burglar, Bernie Rhodenbarr, must contend with a body discovered in a Bed and Breakfast where he is staying. Join in on this fascinating discussion of Lawrence Sanders' *The Burglar in the Library*. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Please register.

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Annual Fall Book Sale

The *Friends of the Lake County Public Library* are hosting the Annual Fall Book Sale at the Central Library in Merrillville. Visitors will converge on this extraordinary event to find incredible pricing on hard cover books, paperbacks, encyclopedias, audio cassettes, cd's, record albums, and even some feature films and documentaries: thousands of items in all! Included will be special vintage books, as well as novels, biographies, non-fiction contemporary works, and wonderful children's books-all in excellent condition.

The sale is open to the general public on Friday, September 29th from 1pm to 4pm and on Saturday, September 30th from 9am to 4pm.

Become a *Friend* of the Lake County Public Library

The *Friends* is an independent citizens' organization dedicated to assist the development of the Lake County Public Library system into one of the finest community libraries. Through membership, *Friends* contribute to the acquisition of library materials and programs not normally provided by public funding. The *Friends* sponsor the Book Sale Room, Annual Fall Sale, and the Coupon Book Sale.

There is a "preview sale" for *Friends* members only at the annual book sale this month on Thursday, September 28th from 4pm to 7pm. You can become a member (or renew your membership) on preview night. Dues are \$5 Individual, \$10 Family, \$15 Sponsor, \$100 Lifetime, and all are tax deductible. For further details call Public Relations at 769-3541, ext. 317.



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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 7, Thurs. at 4pm It's *Library Card Sign-Up Month*! Children grades Kindergarten and up will celebrate with stories, a popcorn craft and a treat. Register on ext. 360.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

This six week series of story hours for children, ages 3 to 5, begins on September 18th with different themes each week. Register on ext. 360 to enjoy stories, finger plays, games, and other related activities.

OLA!! CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Sept. 21, Children from grades Kindergarten through 3d will have fun with stories, games and a craft – all having a Spanish flair. Register on ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm Cool Kids in grades Kindergarten and up are invited to create a glittering "Starlight Mobile" to view the night sky, even when it's cloudy! Come hear a story and make this special cool craft. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 19 through Oct. 24, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week story hour with a different theme each week. Register.

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Pre-school Story Hours will be presented at all branches of the Lake County Public Library from the week of September 18th until the week of October 23rd.

This six week series of programs is for children ages 3 to 5 who have not started Kindergarten. Children should be able to sit with a group and listen to the storyteller without a caregiver. Various picture books, rhymes, activities, videos, and crafts will be presented.

Call the local branch for days and times and to register for the series. Classes will meet the same day and time each week for the six weeks. The child or caregiver must have a Lake County Public Library card to attend.



Cool Kids Have a Library Card

September is Library Card sign-up month where children can get a first-time card or show their current library card to receive a small prize and enter a drawing for a book. In order for the child to apply for a card, the parent needs to show proof of address in the Lake County Public Library district such as a current driver's license. Each branch will celebrate with some special programs, but will continually award the prizes throughout the month.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

WHAT ARE COOL KIDS DOING?

Sept. 13, Wed. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will hear a story or two and make a mystery project at this program to celebrate Cool Kids! Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 23, Mon. at 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six week story hour with a different theme each week. Registration is required.

Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 11 to Oct. 2, Mondays at 10:30am Four weeks filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movements. This interactive nursery rhyme lap-sit program is for children ages 6 to 35 months of age with a caregiver. Register by calling the library.

MAGIC OF PLEASE AND THANK YOU

Sept. 12, Tues. at 3:30pm It's Children's Manners Month! School age children (kindergarten and older) meet Minnie and Moe and refresh manners. We will be making easy mouse puppets. Register.

A VISIT TO NARNIA

Sept. 16, Sat. at 10:30am Have you read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*? All readers are welcome to begin our trip to Narnia and talk about the first book in C.S. Lewis' Series. Register.

SHH! LISTEN

Sept. 19, Tues. at 3:30pm Listen to more of the adventures of *Ben and Amos*. School age children (grades Kindergarten and up) will then make ink from berries. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 20, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, finger plays, games, and music at story hour. Register for either the morning or afternoon session.

COOL KIDS HAVE LIBRARY CARDS

Sept. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Families are invited to enjoy a program that is apple-ishous. Each child needs a library card and each will receive a prize. We will make 3-D apples (worms included), make a lip smacking apple snack, and enjoy learning how to make an apple pie and the importance of Johnny Appleseed. Register.

FINGERPRINT FILES

Sept. 26, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children (grades Kindergarten and up) will take a close look at their fingerprints and learn how they are unique. We will create pictures using fingerprints, too. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

BOOKS & BABIES

Sept. 5 & 12, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a parent/caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities and rhymes.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Sept. 7, Thurs. at 4pm School is back in session and children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will celebrate with related stories and activities. The youngsters will sip "Brainpower" punch and munch on "A+" Cookies, while viewing the film, *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon*. Children who register for a library card, or show their card at the desk, will receive a prize and a "perfect" report card!

CEDAR LAKE READS: COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 9, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Participants will enjoy a festival of fun activities, including games, food, crafts, and stories. Families can drop in anytime during this 2 hour open house and join in celebrating *Library Card Sign-Up Month*. Children who sign up for a library card or show the card they already have will win a prize.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 11, Mon. at 5pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB), and those wishing to join (12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities. Registration required.

CHESS

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

I'M ALL THUMBS! CRAFT CORNER

Sept. 21, Thurs. at 4pm Children, grades Kindergarten through 6, will learn how to make finger print pictures, as described in Ed Emberley's *Fingerprint Drawing Book*. Children will be using stamp pads and should dress for a messy activity.

FIESTA!

Sept. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month* with stories, food, crafts, and a piñata. Children who register for a library card, or show one they already have, will win a prize!

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 26 to Oct. 31, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six-week program filled with stories, music, crafts and other related activities. Registration required.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD: BREAK FOR GAMES

Sept. 6, Wed. from 5:30pm to 7pm Cool Kids in grades Kindergarten and up take a break! Bring a friend and a favorite board game (or play one of ours) and team up for a fun-filled, board game playing evening. Don't forget to bring your library card for special recognition and be sure to register.

TODDLERS: CHOO-CHOO

Sept. 11, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, with their caregiver, will enjoy train stories, active songs and fun during this lap-sit program. Register for one of these sessions.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 19 through Oct. 25 Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy six consecutive weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and related activities. Story hours are offered on Tuesdays at 10:30am, and repeated Wednesdays at 10:30am and 1pm. Themes include: Hide & Seek, All Aboard! Dancing Feet, Poof!, Going Batty, and Halloween. Sign up once for the entire 6 week series for the session that best fits your schedule.

TODDLERS: PEEK-A-BOO

Sept. 25, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, and their caregivers, will enjoy peek-a-boo and lift-the-flap stories, active songs and fun during this lap-sit program. Register for the session that best fits your toddler's schedule.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

TODDLER STORY TIME

Sept. 8, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers (ages 20 to 35 months), along with their caregivers, will hear Fall stories, songs, and make a Fall craft. Please register.

STORYTELLER ANIMAL MASKS

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will hear Native American stories and make Storyteller Animal Masks. These masks (based on the wild animals around them) are used by the native northwest coast people to help tell their stories. Come make an animal mask of your own. Please register.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD - OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 12, Tues. at 7pm September is *Cool Kids Have A Library Card Month*. All are invited for a fun Fall Open House gathering. Socialize with patrons and staff, learn more about the library, and sign your children up for library cards. Children will receive a "cool kid" sticker on their card and a prize Refreshments will be served.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 19 through Oct. 24 Children (ages 3 to 5) will hear Fall stories and participate in finger plays, songs, and Fall crafts. Story hours will be held on Tuesdays at 1pm or 6pm or Wednesdays at 10:30am. The final week will be a Halloween party and children are encouraged to wear their costumes for the library Halloween parade. Please register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Families are invited to an Open House at the Lake Station Branch Library. Come in and see for yourself what the library has to offer.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 23, Mon. at 1pm or 6pm Children, ages 3 to 5, can attend a six-week session of story hours. Each session will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Register for the session time that best meets your schedule.

TIP TOP TWO's

Sept. 22, Fri. at 10:30am This is a lap-sit story time for children between the ages of 18 to 35 months with an adult caregiver. Included will be stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Register to participate.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 6pm Join us for a special family story time that will include stories, songs, and a craft. Children can register for a library card, or bring in the one they already have, to celebrate *National Library Card Sign-Up Month*. Register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

READING BUDDIES

Sept. 1 & 15, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center and the Munster Parks Department, this program is a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community at a story time. Sessions are held the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared for 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 6 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 7, Thurs. at 4pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for any student currently in 5th grade or higher will provide a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign-up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

Sept. 11 & 25, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 to 3, with a caregiver, are invited to join our 30-45 minute story times in September. Each week will feature a different theme: Books, Books, Books (in honor of *National Library Card Month*) and Music to Our Ears. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

OUT OF SIGHT

Sept. 13, Wed. at 4pm UFOs, floating in space, stars, black holes – we will be discussing all the neat aspects of space in this spectacular program. Stories, games and a craft that is out of this world will be included. This program is for school age children who are in Kindergarten or higher grades.

FANTASTIC 4'S & 5'S

Sept. 19 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to our story times in September. Each program will include stories, music, a craft and other activities. The themes this month are: Books, Books, Books (in honor of *National Library Card Month*) and Music to Our Ears.

I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE, I SEE SOMEONE'S UNDERPANTS!!

Sept. 27, Wed. at 4pm Like Captain Underpants? School age children, Kindergarten or higher, are invited to the library as we take a look at Dave Pilkey's hilarious *Captain Underpants* series of books. We will play wacky games, guess at trivia questions, and make a craft for which the Captain would be proud.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 28, Thurs. from 4pm to 6pm In honor of *National Library Card Month*, we will have guest readers from the Town of Munster. Each honorary reader will speak the words of his or her favorite picture book. Then the children (of all ages, though 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult) will have a chance to make a bookmark and, perhaps, get a free book!

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

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1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 14, Thurs. at 6:30pm School-age Cool Kids Can Kick! Children (6 and older) will learn the basics of Tae Kwon Do with demonstration and instruction. The program entrance fee is your library card. Register.

STINKY SNEAKERS!

Sept. 16, Sat. at 10am It's a "Stinky Sneaker" contest. Bring your sneakers in a bag for judging. You will need your library card for entry into the contest. Refreshments and prizes, too! Register.

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Beginning Sept. 19: This is a 6 week session filled with books, songs, games and crafts. Registration is only required once for sessions that will be held as follows: Tuesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 10:30am.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – THE MOVIE

Sept. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Sixth grades and older will watch the film *High School Musical*, a 98 minute production. Your ticket is your library card. Refreshments will be served. Register.

CHESS CLUB

Sept. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (Kindergarten and up) from beginners to advanced will meet on the 4th Monday of every month (except December). Bring a friend!

APPLETIZING APPLES

Sept. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm Children (Kindergarten and older) will make apple prints and enjoy an apple treat. Register.

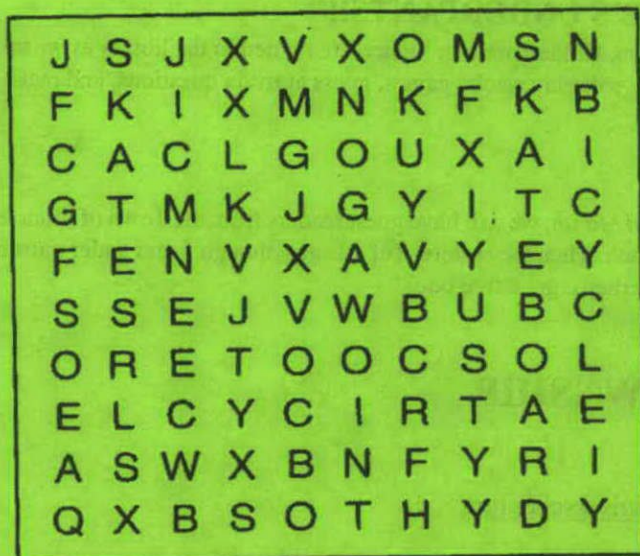
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9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD: WELCOME THE BUBBLEOGIST

Sept. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm Bubbleologist Keith Evans will amaze children of all ages with his study of bubbles and bubble behavior. Children who apply for a library card, or show their current library card, will receive a prize and enter a drawing. Registration required.

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS



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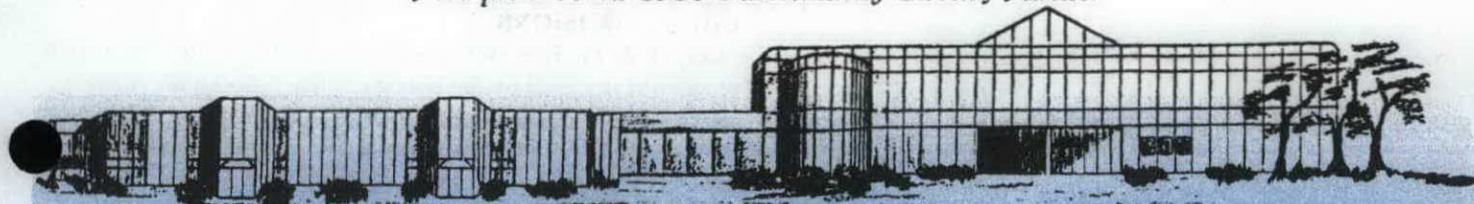
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A Day in Reference Services

Many words can be used to describe the work of a reference librarian, but "boring" is not one of them. "Challenging," "interesting," and "changing" are just a few.

The Central library staffs three Public Service Reference Desks – one on the main level, another on the upper level, and, thirdly, the Periodicals Counter. Individuals can contact Reference in person, by telephone, or through Lake County Public Library's online service, **Ask a Librarian**.

Promptly at 9:00 a.m., the library doors open and the telephones begin to ring. Questions are as varied as the people that ask them. During the course of a day a librarian may answer trivial pursuit questions; find company contact information for a job seeker or businessman; verify an address or telephone number for a license branch or social services employee; find a specific tax form or legal form; assist a student with literary criticisms, school reading lists or a science project; find the selling price of a particular stock in 1978; and - to round out the day - recommend a good book to read.

Between questions, librarians work on collection development, reviewing and ordering new reference and circulating materials. Reviewing database content and sharpening their searching skills are all part of a day at the Reference desk.

Reference librarians maintain the library's website. They also gather and organize local information, making it available on the Internet through LCPL's **Community**

Resources Directory and the **LakeNet** website.

Information specialist is not the only hat that a librarian wears. Librarians teach public classes on basic computer skills. Every Wednesday, free classes are offered in the Computer Lab on Mouse, Windows, Internet, and Library Catalog basics. Individual instruction on using the catalog or a particular database is available at any time.

Working with staff from branches and other departments, librarians develop and present programs for the general public on topics of interest, such as genealogy, reading programs, current events discussion groups, gardening tips and much more.

Library tours and speaking engagements are services offered to schools and groups within the library's service district. Librarians give guided tours of the library, personalized to meet the interests/assignments of each group, and welcome the opportunity to visit clubs and organizations to promote library services.

Research, web development, training, promotion, materials selection, and event planning are all part of a day in Reference Services.

Reference programs coming in October and November include a "New! Online Book Discussion Group" for those who can't attend a scheduled book discussion, but would like to join in through e-mail;

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"Teachers After Hours" whereby educators are invited to an open house with appetizers, database demonstrations, department tours, and so much more; and "Cash For College - Financial Aid" with a nationally recognized speaker to provide parents, students, and high school counselors with information and guidance to successfully maneuver through the maze of college financing.

Caroline Strickland
Head of Reference



Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

NEW! ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 1 through 31 For those of you who can't seem to make it out of the house to attend a book discussion-this one's for you! Or, for those who would like to add another discussion to your in-person sessions - you are most welcome to join us. One of the goals of this online discussion is to offer a wide variety of books to appeal to various reading tastes. To join the discussion through email, sign up online at www.lakeco.lib.in.us. The first book to be discussed is Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*. This psychological thriller entwines a young bride with evil family secrets and sinister characters in the setting of an isolated stone mansion on the coast of Cornwall.

TEACHERS AFTER HOURS

Oct. 3, Tues. from 4pm to 6pm Middle school and high school teachers and librarians will learn to take advantage of the library's many new resources. This networking program will include refreshments, demonstrations, building tours, shopping in the used book sale room, and great giveaways - all within a relaxed format. Please bring your library card-or ID to apply for a card (anyone teaching in a school within the library district is eligible for a library card). RSVP to sball@lakeco.lib.in.us or call 769-3541, ext. 309.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 4, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 4, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration required at ext. 346.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Sat. from 10am to 11:30am Classes are being scheduled for those studying to become United States Citizens. Students will review the test questions, practice writing the English language and discuss the tips for the immigration interview required to become a citizen. Call ext. 309 to register for this free program sponsored by the International Institute.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

A TASTE OF THE SUPERNATURAL

For readers of the macabre

GREAT DECISIONS

Oct. 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions discussion program is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. A twice a month discussion will be held on a topic outlined by the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "The key: On Europe's Verge." A one-time fee of \$5 helps cover the cost of the book. Register by calling the library at 769-3541, ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 11, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Registration required, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to discuss *True Notebooks* by Mark Salzman. Unable to find a polite way to say "No," Salzman finds himself first visiting, and then teaching a writing class at a juvenile detention facility. Through his words, and those of his students, recorded in the notebooks they keep, we are introduced to a world totally unfamiliar to most of us, and we may, like him, find our preconceptions of it radically altered. Call ext. 340 to register.

PANTRY PARTNERS

Friday the 13th through Halloween on the 31st The LCPL Staff Association is sponsoring *Trick-or-Treat-Toiletries*: toothpaste, floss, soap, shampoo, hand lotion, tissues, sanitary items, disposable razors, toilet paper, q-tips, cotton balls, etc.- a collection to replenish the needs of the Ross Township Food Pantry. Simply drop off any of these personal care products, which benefit those in need into the Halloween decorated containers located in the library foyer.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Oct. 13, Fri. at 9:30am This month provides enlightening information regarding "Fall Yard Care" with a presentation by Tim's Landscaping. Adults (50 and older) are invited to this free program co-sponsored by Lake County Public Library. Refreshments are served. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for further details.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Oct. 18, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate and print audio-visual materials, place hold requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you use our online catalog with confidence, either in the library or from your home, or office. Registration required, ext. 346.

OWNING YOUR OWN HOME (SER DUENO DE SU PROPIA CASA)

Oct. 19, Thurs. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm In co-sponsorship with the Lake County Public Library Centier Bank Southlake, will help take the mystery out of buying your own home. Learn the benefits and pitfalls of owning a home, recognize the basic terms of getting a home loan, and learn about the different types of home loan products in this program will be presented in Spanish. Registration required by calling ext. 309.

El Jueves, 19 de Octubre a las 6:30pm hasta 8:30pm La biblioteca, Lake County Public Library junto con el Banco Centier presentara un programa sobre como sacar el misterio de comprar su propia

Ask a librarian

Q: Which colleges offer a degree in my chosen area of study?

A: Look in Volume 3, *Degrees Offered by College Subject*, of the reference source *The College Blue Book*. Part I of *Degrees Offered by College Subject* has an alphabetical list of colleges by state or province. Under each of these colleges is a list of subject areas. Part II of, *Degrees Offered by College Subject*, has an alphabetical listing of subject areas. Under each subject area, there is a list of colleges which offer a degree in that subject. Also, each branch location has an extensive database of information about colleges called *College Source Online*. Profiles and web links are provided for over 30,000 national and international schools. Create your own list of colleges by degree, tuition, location, size, and more. To narrow your college choices further, read the college catalog provided for each of these schools. Visit us to learn about these college resources and many more.

casa. Aprendan los beneficios y las dificultades en ser dueño de su casa, reconosca los terminus basico en como buscar una hipoteca, y aprenda los diferente tipos de hipotecas. El programa sera presentado en Espanol. Por favor de registrarse llamando la biblioteca y pidiendo la extension 309.

EXOTIC PESTS

Oct. 24, Tues. at 7pm Wondering what that unusual looking critter on the leaves of your garden plants could possibly be? Jodie Ellis, from the Department of Entomology at Purdue University West Lafayette Campus is here to provide a colorful, demonstrative, and educational presentation. Register by calling ext. 317.

HALLOWEEN FEST

Oct. 28, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Children, 12 years and under, accompanied by an adult, can join in on this fun-filled Halloween Party, sponsored by the Lake County Public Library Staff Association with entertaining games, wonderful prizes and traditional Halloween treats. Admission is \$1 per child. Proceeds benefit the county's food pantry for Thanksgiving grocery baskets. Call ext. 305 for details.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
4-8809

Gary, IN 46406
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Loretta nearly died in her miserable failure as assistant prison warden. Maybe she can do better in the 'Jump Squad' chasing parole violators. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Devil's Food* by Anthony Bruno. Copies of the book available at the branch.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm 9 year-old Eliza Naumann had always thought of herself as too dull, until she discovers a hidden talent for spelling. Lucy Crosslin will moderate this discussion as we banter how Eliza's life and that of her family changes dramatically in *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. Call the library to register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 17, Tues. at 6:30pm Have a howling good time getting ready for Halloween with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up. It will be ghoulish food fun. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of this event to cover the cost of materials that will be supplied. Registration required.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 18, Wed. at 7pm Can three Chinese immigrants pursue the American dream while retaining their Chinese values, or will they become typical Americans. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Typical American* by Gish Jen. Copies of the book will be available at the branch.

GRIFFITH GAB

Oct. 23, Mon. at 1pm Jeannette Walls chronicles her upbringing and that of her brother and two sisters at the hands of eccentric, nomadic parents. She describes in fascinating detail what it was like to be part of this family. She does not play the part of a victim, but actually respects her parents' knack for making hardships seem like adventures and her love of them comes through from beginning to end. Copies of *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* will be available at the branch. Please register.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 2, Mon. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Call the library to register.

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and

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those wishing to join (must be 12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer time.

PARENTING TEENS

Oct. 2, Mon. at 6:30pm Debi Jellema, licensed therapist, will discuss practical tips for parenting teens, ways to deal with difficult situations, and how to have more fun. Debi is an experienced counselor and dynamic speaker with many good ideas and great insight.

E-MAIL BASICS

Oct. 3, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using e-mail, including setting up an account, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments. Call the library to register.

SCRAP BOOKING

Oct. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for both beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Join the fun!

GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Oct. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the internet for tracing their ancestors, including using the library's Ancestry Library & Heritage Quest database. Call the library to register.

CHESS

Oct. 5 & 19, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

BASIC WEB DESIGN

Oct. 6, Fri. at 4pm Adults and teens will learn how to create a basic web page with text and pictures. Space is limited so be sure to register early.

PAT & BRUSH

Oct. 7, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint Please Be Seeded on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of all materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

HISTORY VIDEO: HAUNTINGS

Oct. 10, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will tour a variety of haunted places and hear many graveyard tales. Refreshments will be served.

KNITTING CLASS

Oct. 11 & 25, Wed. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Be sure to bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

BASIC DANCE

Oct. 11, Wed. at 7pm Adults and teens will learn and practice basic ballroom dance steps, including waltz, salsa, cha-cha, and more.

the Staff Recommends

The Extraordinary Voyage of Pytheas by Barry Cunliffe
"This book details the journey Pytheas the Greek made around 350 B.C. Possibly on a quest to find where tin and amber originated, his trip took him certainly to the Shetland Islands and possibly as far north as Iceland. The author is not as concerned with biographical information as he is with archaeology and geography. Also, some astronomy and metallurgy is mixed in too. When Pytheas returned to Massalia, he wrote "On the Ocean," but that book no longer exists. The story comes together from other Greek writers of the period and so adds to the mystery of the why, how, and where of the voyage."
RB/Reference

Freaks: Alive, on the Inside! by Annette Curtis Klause
"A ripping tale of love across the ages; stolen children; an evil skeleton man and MAGIC!"
JB/Reference

Life is Good! Lessons in Joyful Living by Trixie Koontz, Dog (ed. by Dean Koontz)
"A book to cheer you up on the gloomiest day!"
LP/Reference

BOOKS & CHAT

Oct. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Join in on this discussion of *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. This is a novel that Publisher's Weekly calls "both tragic and full of light and grace." It tells the story of Susie Salmon, a brutally murdered 14 year old. Susie narrates the story from heaven, describing the grief of her family and friends, how they adjust, and their search for her murderer.

GET ACTIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 21, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, limbo, relay races, pie throwing, bobbing for apples, and movies are among the many activities participants will enjoy.

PAT & BRUSH

Oct. 23, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint Butterflies on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of all materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Oct. 24, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will cruise to Canada and New England, visiting 12 ports-of-call. They will enjoy spectacular scenery, rich histories, and charming towns, all via the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

HALLOWEEN HOWLS

Oct. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm It's a night of 'Halloween Fun' for the whole family with a puppet show, slightly spooky stories, songs and activities.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO

Oct. 2, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch the episode of the Broadway Musical Documentary, *Putting it Together*, which chronicles the songs and shows of 1980-2004. This entertaining musical film history will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Register.

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW

Oct. 9, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides from his trip to the Pacific coast and Olympic National Park of Oregon, as well as the Northern Cascades of Washington. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 10, Tues. at 2pm After his mother is killed, 4 year old Clay Sizemore finds himself alone in a small Appalachian mining town. At first, unsure of the town and its residents, Clay learns to lean on them as family as they help him fashion a quilt of life in *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 11, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm Get ready for the fall with stamping cards and gifts. There is a \$5 fee for the cost of supplies at the time of the program. Registration is required.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Co-sponsored by the Highland Library and the Sand Ridge Morning Club, Scott Albanese of Albanese Candy Company will make your mouth water as he discusses the candy making business. Call 972-7317 to register for this program for Seniors.

OIL PAINTING CLASS

Oct. 14, Sat. from 10am to 4pm Students of all skill levels will be taught how to paint with oils by Susan Young, artist and Certified Master instructor. There is a \$45 fee which covers the cost of all materials for a 16"x 20" painting (currently on display). Be sure to bring a roll of paper towels and a light lunch. Registration with a non-refundable deposit of a \$10 check is required no later than October 4.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Oct. 16, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm In South Dakota they don't just carve stone, they carve entire mountains! Join us as we visit Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, a buffalo round-up, and the childhood home of Laura Ingalls Wilder. The film will be shown on the big screen and refreshments will be served. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 23, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm When a young woman is diagnosed with a terminal illness, she decides to take the European vacation she has always dreamed about. *Last Holiday* stars Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton and Gerard Depardieu.

WOMAN, TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART!

Oct. 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Susan Mann, RN, and Sarah Colias, RN, of the Cardiac Rehab Unit at Community Hospital will present an informational program on heart disease for women. Topics to be addressed include the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease specifically as it pertains to women. Register.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

OCTOBER 2006

1st-31st Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month To promote the adoption of dogs from local shelters, the ASPCA sponsors this important message: "make pet adoption your first option"; a message the organization promotes year-round in an effort to end the euthanasia of all adoptable animals. Web: www.aspc.org

4th Buster Keaton Birth Anniversary Born Joseph Francis Keaton in Piqua, KS in 1895, Buster Keaton (supposedly nicknamed by Harry Houdini) would become one of America's greatest filmmakers and comedians. His full-length silent films are regarded as masterpieces of American comedy, especially "Sherlock, Jr (1924) and the Civil War epic "The General" (1927)- both of which are on the Library of Congress's National Film Registry. Keaton died on Feb. 1, 1966 in Los Angeles.

8th Peshtigo Fire Anniversary On Oct. 8, 1871, the same day as the great Chicago fire, one of the most disastrous forest fires in history began in Peshtigo, WI. This fire burned across six counties, killing more than 1,100 people.

22nd World's End Day: Anniversary On this day in 1844, followers of William Miller, a religious leader and creator of a movement known as Millerism, concluded that this was the day the world would end. Miller decided on this day through calculations derived from a literal reading of the Bible.

25th Saint Crispin's Day A martyr in the reign of Diocletian. Saint Crispin's Day is famous as the day in 1415 when King Henry V defeated the superior forces of France at the Battle of Agincourt. A passage in Shakespeare's "Henry V" notes this.

Birthdays

1st Julie Andrews 71 years-born Walton-on-Thames, England in 1935 (actress, author)

7th Yo-Yo Ma 51 years-born Paris, France in 1955 (cellist)

17th Richard Roeper 47 years-born Chicago, IL in 1959 (newspaper columnist, film reviewer)

19th Peter Max 69 years-born Berlin, Germany in 1937 (artist, designer)

31st Peter Jackson 45 years-born Pukerua Bay, New Zealand in 1961 (director)

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 7pm The sixth installment in the Repairman Jack series finds fix-it man, Jack, on the road to Florida to be with his father who was hurt in an auto accident. The trip from New York is dangerous enough but that's nothing compared to the danger he'll encounter in the Everglades in *Gateways: A Repairman Jack Novel* by F. Paul Wilson. Register.

AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Oct. 26 & 27, Thurs. & Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Adults, ages 50 and older, will learn how to adjust their driving to accommodate for age-related physical changes in hearing, sight, and reflexes. Participants will refresh their knowledge of road rules and learn important tips for avoiding accidents. Some insurance companies offer a discount to drivers who complete this 8 hour course. Participants should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Registration and a \$10 fee, payable by check or money order to AARP, are required in advance.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 30, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm A woman seduces her insurance agent and convinces him to kill her husband for the insurance money. *Double Indemnity* stars Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson. Film will be shown on the big screen and refreshments will be served. Register.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

TRW:GET ACTIVE @ THE HOBART LIBRARY

Oct. 16 through Oct. 21 During Teen Read Week several teen books and magazines have been specifically marked with prize winning tickets. Check out specially marked items and claim your reward!

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Oct. 17, Tues. at 2pm *Death of a Snob* by M. C. Beaton takes place on the gale-swept isle of Ellennraig. Jane Weatherby, owner of the health farm, is upset about an astrologer-reader prediction of her death and invites detective Hamish Macbeth as her guest. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

THE POWER OF ONE: DIETARY CHANGE IN LOSING WEIGHT

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Participants will learn how to easily cut 100 calories per day to help in losing weight. Corrine Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Purdue Extension Education will present this free program. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 19, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

QUILTING BEE

Oct. 4, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 13, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

TRW:GET ACTIVE @ THE HOBART LIBRARY

Oct. 16 through Oct. 21 During Teen Read Week several teen books and magazines have been specifically marked with prize winning tickets. Check out specially marked items and claim your reward!

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@yourlibrary.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 4, Wed. at 7pm George Meschel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Salome* by Richard Strauss. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Please register.

PUTTING THE GARDEN TO SLEEP

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 7pm Janice Richwine, a member of the Munster Garden Club, will give tips on how to prepare your garden for the winter.

REGION 'SPIRITS'

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm When it comes to ghostly folklore and other things that go 'bump in the night,' local author and folklorist Mark Marimen, will share some ghost stories and folklore unique to the Calumet region. Looking back at our shared history and culture, Marimen will dredge up some of our region ghosts and legends. As Northwest Indiana gets ready to celebrate Halloween, come share in our celebration of things ghostly. Please register.

JEWISH LITERATURE SERIES: AMERICAN PASTORAL

Oct. 18, Wed. at 7pm In this fourth session of the five part series, *"A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World."*

series scholar Rabbi Michael Stevens will lead a discussion of *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Please register.

EXPLORE MISSOURI

Oct. 19, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Explore various sights in Missouri, including the St. Louis Arch, Kansas City fountains, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, and other attractions. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 24, Tues. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse correctly and efficiently. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 25, Wed. at 7pm Charles DeWitt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *il Trovatore* by Giuseppe Verdi. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman is a collection of 12 interconnected tales that takes readers into the lives of the people who have lived in this house from the time of the American Revolution to the present. The house, a farm on Cape Cod, has a haunting presence throughout the book.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Medea* by Euripides, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*. Call the library for details.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 30, Mon. at 1:30pm This class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Oct. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 10, Tues. from 10:30am to 2pm Learn how to paint with acrylics from an experienced instructor. There is a class fee of \$12 to cover the cost of all materials. Beginners are welcome. This month's project is *Heron Hideaway*. Registration is required.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: SICILY

Oct. 18, Wed. at 7pm Discover the vitality and character of Sicily, Milan, and the Lake Como region via large screen video. Refreshments will be served.

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up. Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. Registration required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Oct. 25, Wed. at 7pm or Oct. 26, Thurs. at 10:15am Jodi Picoult tackles genetic issues in *My Sister's Keeper*, a novel about two sisters and the difficult decision one of them must make. Copies available at the branch. Register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT

Oct. 4 & 25, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common "thread." All levels welcome.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Oct. 10, Tues. at 1:30pm Bela Lugosi became an instant star for his portrayal of Count Dracula. Biography lovers will explore Lugosi's other career choices and his troubled life in this biographical video projected onto the large screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Oct. 12 & 13, Thurs. & Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Adults, ages 50 and older, will learn how to adjust their driving to accommodate for age-related physical changes in hearing, sight, and reflexes. Participants will refresh their knowledge of road rules and learn important tips for avoiding accidents. Some insurance companies offer a discount to drivers who complete this 8 hour course. Refreshments will be served. Registration and a \$10 fee, payable by check or money order to AARP, are required in advance.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Oct. 19, Thurs. at 10:30am Join in on this discussion of a taught mystery with delicious recipes. *The Revenge of the Barbeque Queen* by Lou Jane Temple begins when Kansas City barbeque queen Heaven Lee finds herself pitted against the killer of her rival, Pigpen Hopkins. Books are available at the branch. Attendance is limited so please be sure to register.

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TALKING BOOKS

Know someone who is visually impaired?

Talking Books is a federally funded FREE SERVICE that provides materials for the visually impaired. Audio cassette books, descriptive videos, magazines, and large print books are the types of materials sent through the mail to those who qualify with difficulty holding, handling or reading a book due to a physical or visual disability.

For details contact Renee Lewis at 219-769-3541, extension 390.

Ca\$h For College

Dave Murray, President of Murray & Associates and the National Center for College Costs, will be at the Central Library in Merrillville on November 8th from 6-8:00 p.m. for a **FREE** workshop. Having worked with students and families on college admissions and financial aid issues for 30 years, Mr. Murray knows the ins and outs through the confusing college financial aid maze. Parents and students are welcome to come and learn where to find scholarships, grants and loans. Keep an eye out for further details on how to sign up! Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity! *Sponsored by the Legacy Foundation.*

A Day in Reference Services

Reference work is not boring. Many words can be used to describe the work of a reference librarian, but "boring" is not one of them. "Challenging," "interesting," and "changing" are just a few.

The Central library staffs three public service reference desks – middle and upper level Reference and Periodicals. Individuals can contact reference in person, by telephone, or through Lake County Public Library's online service, **Ask a Librarian**.

Promptly at 9:00 am the library doors open and the telephones begin to ring. Questions are as varied as the people that ask them. During the course of a day a librarian may answer trivial pursuit questions; find company contact information for a businessman or job seeker; verify an address or telephone number for a license branch or social services employee; find a specific tax form or legal form; assist a student with literary criticisms, school reading lists or a science project; find the selling price of a particular stock in 1978; and - to round out the day - recommend a good book to read.

Between questions, librarians work on collection development, reviewing and ordering new reference and circulating materials. Reviewing database content and sharpening searching skills are also a part of a day at the Reference desk.

Reference librarians maintain the library's website. They also gather and organize local information, making it available on the Internet through LCPL's **Community Resources Directory** and the **LakeNet** website.

Information specialist is not the only hat that a librarian wears. Librarians teach public classes on basic computer skills. Every Wednesday free classes are offered in the Computer Lab on Mouse, Windows, Internet, and Library Catalog basics. Individual instruction on using the catalog or a particular database is available at any time.

Working with staff from branches and other departments, librarians develop and present programs for the general public on topics of interest, such as genealogy, reading programs, current events discussion groups, gardening tips and much more.

Library tours and speaking engagements are services offered to schools and groups within the library's service district. Librarians give guided tours of the library, personalized to meet the interests/assignments of each group, and welcome the opportunity to visit clubs and organizations to promote library services.

Research, web development, training, promotion, materials selection, and event planning are all part of a day in Reference Services.

Reference Programs Coming in October & November:

**New! Online Book Discussion Group
(Starting in October)**

For those of you who can't seem to make it out of the house to attend a book discussion—this one's for you! Or, for those who would like to add another discussion to your in-person sessions—you are also welcome. To join the discussion through e-mail, sign up online at www.lakeco.lib.in.us.

Teachers after Hours

October 3rd (Tuesday) from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Teachers are invited to an open house at the Lake County Public Library. We will have – Appetizers, database demonstrations, department tours, special shopping in the Booksale Room, and great giveaways!

Cash for College – Financial Aid Program

November 8th (Wednesday) from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Nationally known speaker Dave Murray will highlight this program co-sponsored with the Legacy Foundation. Parents, students, and high school counselors are invited to an evening of information and guidance through the maze of college financing.



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming OCTOBER 2006



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

A PITIFUL PRE-PREMIER PARTY

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 4pm Come join in on the pre-premiere party lamenting the series of unfortunate books by Lemony Snicket. School age children will participate in atrocious activities, sad-sorry stories, and grievous, grim games to mourn the fate of the Baudelaire orphans. Wear black! Please register at ext. 360.

PANTRY PARTNERS

Friday the 13th through Halloween on the 31st The LCPL Staff Association is sponsoring *Trick-or-Treat-Toiletries*: toothpaste, floss, soap, shampoo, hand lotion, tissues, sanitary items, disposable razors, toilet paper, q-tips, cotton balls, etc. - a collection to replenish the needs of the Ross Township Food Pantry. Simply drop off any of these personal care products, which benefit those in need, into the Halloween decorated containers located in the library foyer.

IT'S A MYSTERY

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 4pm Kids from Kindergarten through 3rd grade will "grab a clue" while figuring out "who dunnit" with books, games and a craft. Register by calling ext. 360.

HALLOWEEN FEST

Oct. 28, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Children, 12 years and under, accompanied by an adult, can join in on this fun-filled Halloween Party, sponsored by the Lake County Public Library Staff Association with entertaining games, wonderful prizes and traditional Halloween treats. Admission is \$1 per child. Proceeds benefit the county's food pantry for Thanksgiving grocery baskets. Call ext. 305 for details.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3 through 24, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school story hour continues with children ages 3 to 5 enjoying a different theme each week. Please register.

SPOOKY FUN

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 4:30 Children in grades Kindergarten and up are invited to come hear a spooky tale or two, then make a ghostly zipper pull. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mon. at 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will continue to have fun in pre-school story hour for four more weeks in October. Please register.

FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 11, Wed. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will enjoy a fall festival of story telling, crafts, and sweet treats. Please register.

Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 2, Mon. at 10:30am This interactive lap-sit program is for children ages 6 to 35 months with a caregiver, and lasts approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome to join the fun. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 4 through 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Four more weeks of story hour fun for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, with stories, finger plays, games, and music. Register for the session that best meets your child's schedule.

SEEING EYE TO EYE

Oct. 10, Tues. at 3:30pm After making some special glasses, children in grades Kindergarten and up will learn some tricks that deal with optical illusions. Please register.

SHH! LISTEN

Oct. 17, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children (Kindergarten and up) will listen to the next chapter in *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson and make a magic slate. Please register.

WAR OF THE WORLDS

Oct. 21, Sat. at 10:30am Have you seen the movie? Come into the library and learn all about the 1938 Halloween radio show and how it caused a panic. We will hear the complete Mercury Theater broadcast.

SUPER TOT HALLOWEEN

Oct. 23, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months old, and their caregivers, will get a jump on Halloween with stories and an easy pumpkin craft. We will go trick-or-treating in the library. Each caregiver should bring 25 pre-wrapped treats to the program. Registration begins Oct. 2.

GHOST PINWHEELS

Oct. 24, Tues. at 3:30pm Some white paper, a little glow in the dark paint and a bamboo stick will become ghostly spinners. Please register.

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 6:30pm Here is a program for the entire family, which will mix stories and film to explore being afraid. We will share picture books and the video, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3 through 31, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school story hour continues this month for 3 to 5 year old children with stories, songs, and simple crafts. Each program will last 45 minutes to an hour. Please Register.

CHESS

Oct. 5 & 19, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

BASIC WEB DESIGN

Oct. 6, Fri. at 4pm Participants, age 12 and older, will learn how to create a basic web page with text and pictures. Space is limited so be sure to register early.

TODDLER TIME

Oct. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CORNER

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten through 6 will make Halloween crafts, including a dancing skeleton flip book and a spooky ghostwriter pen.

GET ACTIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 21, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, limbo, relay races, pie throwing, bobbing for apples, and movies are among the many activities participants will enjoy.

PUMPKIN PATCH TALES

Oct. 26, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten through 6th will gather 'round the "pumpkin patch" for pumpkin stories, games, and more!

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN

Oct. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will enjoy puppet shows and music, along with some slightly spooky stories and activities.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Fall Pre-School Story Hour continues through October 25th with stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, related activities and fun for pre-school children, ages 3 to 5. Story hours are offered on Tuesdays at 10:30am, and repeated Wednesdays at 10:30am and 1pm, through October 25th.

DANCING FEET PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3, Tues. at 10:30am or Oct. 4, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, bring your dancing shoes to participate in the stories, songs, and related activities during this fun-filled story hour. Registration begins Sept. 18.

TODDLERS: LET'S GET DRESSED!

Oct. 9, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, age 2, and their caregivers will enjoy stories and participate in active songs, finger plays, and flannel board activities. Registration begins Sept. 25.

POOF! PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 11, Wed. at 10:30am or Oct. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, and related activities during this magical story hour. Registration begins Sept. 25.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B., and those wishing to join (6th grade and older), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

COSTUME PARTY

Oct. 13, Fri. 4pm to 5:30pm School age children in grades Kindergarten through 5th are invited to a costume party at the library. Enjoy games, snacks, other activities and fun. Registration begins Oct. 2.

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GOING BATTY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 17, Tues. at 10:30am or Oct. 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Bats will be featured during this story hour for pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, which includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a batty craft. Registration begins Sept. 25.

TODDLERS: YOU CAN'T SCARE ME!!

Oct. 23, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, age 2, and their caregivers will enjoy stories, active songs, and related activities. Registration begins Oct. 9.

HALLOWEEN PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 24, Tues. at 10:30am or Oct. 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Halloween themed stories, songs, and finger plays will be featured during this story hour for pre-school children, ages 3 to 5. Registration begins Sept. 18.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3 through 25, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Wed. at 10:30am The Fall Pre-School Story Hour continues for 3 to 5 year olds with stories, songs, finger plays, and Fall crafts. In the last week of story hour, children will have a Halloween party and parade around the library in their Halloween costumes. Please register for the session that best fits your schedule.

SPOOKY STORIES & PAINTED PUMPKINS

Oct. 12, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (grades Kindergarten through 3rd) will hear spooky Halloween stories and paint pumpkins. Paints will be provided. Children will need to bring a pumpkin. Please register.

HALLOWEEN TODDLER STORY TIME

Oct. 13, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers (ages 20 to 35 months), along with their caregivers, will hear Halloween stories, songs, and make a Halloween craft. Registration required.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

HALLOWEEN FUN

Oct. 18, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (Kindergarten and up) will make a Halloween craft and see a Halloween movie. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's

Oct. 27, Fri. at 10:30am Children (ages 18 to 35 months) and an adult caregiver will celebrate Halloween with a lap-sit story time. Both children and adults are encouraged to wear a costume and bring a treat to share with the group. Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY FUN

Oct. 19, Thurs. at 5pm Families are invited to enjoy a special Halloween story time. All are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume and bring a treat to share with the group. Please register.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4'S & 5'S

Oct. 3 through 31, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time each Tuesday morning. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. This month's themes are: Popcorn, Herman the Worm, Falling for Fall, Spiders, and Halloween.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct 4 & 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions for toddlers with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 5, Thurs. at 4pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting is for any student currently in 5th grade or higher. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Oct. 6 & 20, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this program provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community in a story time environment. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is directed toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Programs are held off site. Please call the library for details.

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

Oct. 9 & 23, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. The themes for October are: Herman the Worm and Falling for Fall. Each program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

CRAZY FOR POPCORN

Oct. 11, Wed. at 4pm Where exactly does popcorn come from? Who invented it? We will answer these questions, as well as, play some "corny" games, and make a delicious craft.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Oct. 25, Wed. at 4pm Think you know where some wild things are? Come explore the world of Maurice Sendak and play some games Max himself would enjoy.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Oct. 27, Fri. from 2pm to 3pm Children of all ages are invited to our "not so scary" Halloween party. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult and costumes for everyone are a must!!!

PUMPKIN CARVING

Oct. 30, Mon. at 4:30pm Young adults, ages 11 and older, are invited to carve pumpkins at the library. Attendees must provide their own pumpkins and at least one carving tool. You may bring more if you wish! Snacks will be available.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3 through Oct. 25, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am Story hour sessions for 3 to 5 year olds include books, songs, games and a craft. Register for the class that fits your schedule.

KNIT & PURL FOR KIDS

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Thurs. at 6:30pm Children, 10 years and older, will learn to knit & purl a scarf for those cold winter days

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ahead. Needles will be provided. Participants will need to buy and bring their own yarn to the 1st class. We will be using Chenille, "Thick & Quick," yarn. Call the library for more details. Registration required.

PAINT PUMPKINS

Oct. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm & Oct. 18, Thur. at 1:30pm Children (Kindergarten and up) will paint pumpkins, play mummy wrap, and enjoy Halloween treats. You will need to bring a clean, dry pumpkin of any size. Please register.

MONSTER HOUSE MOVIE

Oct. 14, Sat. at 2pm School age children (grades 6 and up) will watch the film *Monster House* and enjoy refreshments.

STAMP IT!

Oct. 21, Sat. at 10am Join professional stamper Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 projects that can be stamped. Use your creativity to stamp it. There is a \$3 fee for the cost of materials. Registration required.

CHESS

Oct. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm Learning to play, improving your skills, or developing effective strategies at chess is a monthly event for school age children – beginners to advanced. The group will continue to meet the 4th Monday of every month.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 3 through Oct. 25, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Story hour sessions for 3 to 5 year olds include books, songs, games and a craft. Register for the class that fits your schedule.

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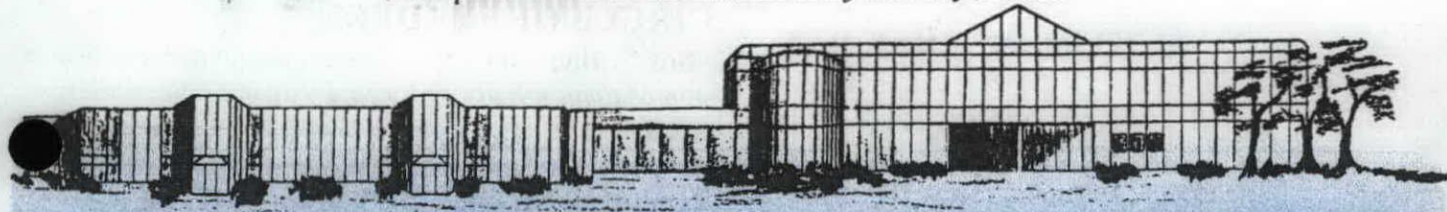
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LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2006 HAPPENINGS@your library

Savoring a New Cedar Lake Library

There's a new old neighbor on the block. The Cedar Lake Branch Library has moved about a mile down the road into its new spacious building.

The new Cedar Lake Branch Library has 20,000 square feet of space, the second largest branch in the library system and nearly five times as large as the old building. Designed by Carras-Szany-Kuhn Architects and built by Gil Behling & Son, the library has high vaulted ceilings and beautiful tall windows that contribute to its spaciousness. Many tables and chairs along with comfortable seating provide

ample space for study and reading. The meeting room has a large capacity and a kitchen. Three small study rooms offer additional meeting space for small groups. The children's program room has a beautiful mural and special walls for storytelling and displays. Teens also have their own room, complete with booth style furniture and room for teen magazines and displays. Many computers offer patrons access to the library's catalog, electronic databases and to the Internet.

The new branch opened May 2nd just 7 days after closing the former site! Staff from the entire library system worked so very hard to accomplish that remarkable feat. We have received so much feed back from the public that has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic now that the new facility is fully operational.

Once the official ribbon cutting by the administration and Board of Trustees took place, the library began to offer a myriad of programming with the start of the Summer Reading Program in June. Record numbers of children, teens, and adults participated by reading to win prizes and attending programs. The season began with an exciting event performed by Snake-Head Ed and concluded

in a grand finale with puppet shows presented by the library's teen puppeteers and a visit by a balloon artist.

The programs continue with a wide variety of activities for every age group: Mother Goose on the Loose, Books & Babies, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Hour, school age programs, and family storytimes are among the many enticing offerings.

Teens 12 and older can join the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), a group that meets monthly to eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Along with other volunteer work, they host a monthly chess program that teaches the game to others. This fall T.A.B. will offer its second Fall Festival for all ages. The program is held each year in celebration of Teen Read Week; the theme for the week is Get Active @ Your Library. Last year, the festival was very

successful, and this year the excitement is building with added games, crafts, and food. In addition, teens enjoy monthly programs throughout the year. Favorites have been Monster Mania, Fear Factor Library Style, Spring Break Luau, and Game-a-Thon.

The Cedar Lake Branch Library offers so very many monthly programs for adults, including book discussions, film programs, basic dance classes, painting classes, scrapbooking programs, parenting workshops, computer classes, programs about health related topics, and more.

Truly, Cedar Lake residents can be delighted with their new library. Come visit and stay for a while. Enjoy the comfort, the ambience, the materials, and the programs. You'll be glad you did!

Linda Johnsen
Cedar Lake Branch Library Manager



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all branches
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will be closed
November 23, 2006**



Central Library

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769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410
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BOOKreMARKS: ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 1 through 30 To join the library's new Online Book Discussion, sign up on the Lake County Public Library's homepage: www.lakeco.lib.in.us. November's title for discussion is *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nat Philbrick.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 1, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ WORKSHOP

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CASH FOR COLLEGE

Nov. 8, Wed. at 6:00pm Dave Murray, nationally known speaker on college admissions and financial aid issues, will be the speaker at this program for students and their families. This program is co-sponsored with the Legacy Foundation and the Lake County Public Library. Call ext. 334 to register.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



readers@lakeco.in.us

Colonial America-

More than a Thanksgiving remembrance

CIRCLE OF READERS

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo. A wide variety of colorful characters live out their hopes and dreams in a crumbling New England mill town in this story laced with humor and compassion. Call ext. 340.

GREAT DECISIONS

Nov. 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions discussion program is designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Each month, a two-week discussion will be held with a topic outlined for the FPA. Each topic is introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "Global Health Pandemics." A one-time fee of \$5 helps cover the cost of the book. Register by calling the library at 769-3541, ext. 339.

TERRARIUMS

Nov. 21, Tues. at 7pm Attend this Gardening Series lecture on the beauty and simplicity of creating an indoor garden in a terrarium. Master Gardener, Azhide Saleem, of the Purdue University Extension Service will offer a colorful presentation on this art form so easily created in the home. Call ext. 317.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your.library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm When children's book author, Oliver Swithin, finds his friend's body in a Trafalgar Square fountain, it's only the first in a string of London murders. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *An Embarrassment of Corpses* by Alan Beechey. Copies of the book will be available at the branch.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Join Lucy Crosslin and our group as we discuss *Hand of a Woman* by Diana Brown. This novel set in the Civil War era, follows the life of Damaris Fanshaw and her beginnings as a nursemaid to her training to be a physician. Call the library to register.

Ask a Librarian

Q: How do I cite references in my research paper?

A: The library has several sources of citation information. The *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (RR808.02 GIBA) explains how to use the MLA style. The library also has the APA style manual called *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (RR808.06615 PUBL). On the library's home page (www.lakeco.lib.in.us) under "Useful Websites" there is a link to citation information at www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html. Also, many of our online databases will conveniently print a citation along with a full-text article. Need an idea for your research paper? Consult *10,000 Ideas for Term Papers, Projects, Reports & Speeches* (RR808.02 LAMM).

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 15, Wed. at 7pm In Northern Scotland, five vaguely connected people find themselves together at Christmas in a large Victorian house. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

GRIFFITH GAB

Nov. 27, Mon. at 1pm John F. Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage* while recovering from an operation necessitated by injuries incurred as a skipper of a WWII torpedo boat. He used this time to rediscover and research the courage and patriotism of a handful of Americans who revealed a special sort of greatness. These men disregarded dreadful consequences to their public and private lives to do the right thing. These are their stories. Please register.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SCRAP BOOKING

Nov. 1, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and

experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class.

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board (teens, 12 and older), and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 6, Mon. at 6pm Participants will paint "Drake Duck" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

MORE BOOKS PLEASE!

Nov. 13, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories, crafts, and a variety of other activities. They will also make and eat food featured in favorite books. Children may wear their pj's for a comfy and fun time.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Nov. 14, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will hear veterans convey personal accounts of their experiences during war in *Brothers in Arms*. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Nov. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Join in on the discussion of *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. In 1935 thirteen year old Briony Tallis sees something she doesn't understand which leads to the imprisonment of an innocent man. This haunting novel follows Briony and the convicted man as they grow older and become enmeshed in events during WWII in Great Britain and after.

KNITTING CLASS

Nov. 15 & 29, Wed. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 18, Sat. at 9:30pm Participants will paint "Over the Hill, a Barn" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

Nov. 25, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 12 and older, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library

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Cedar Lake Branch ...continued

holiday programs in December. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Nov. 28, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will travel the world without leaving home while enjoying a Western Caribbean cruise via the big screen in *Cruise the Caribbean*. Refreshments will be served.



Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

BLOOD DRIVE

Nov. 6, Mon. from 10am to 1pm Medical staff from Heartland Blood Centers will be in a mobile unit outside of the library to receive blood donations from the community. Anyone over the age of 17 years is welcome. Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, should have eaten prior to their donation and must bring a list of medications they are currently taking. Call the library to schedule an appointment though walk-ins are welcome.

HISTORY VIDEO

Nov. 6, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Arlington National Cemetery has become a National Shrine and treasury of American History. This film will show how it came to be, how it serves as the final resting place of both famous and obscure alike, and how the staff strive to honor those who are laid to rest there in *Arlington Field of Honor*. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MORNING HOUR -TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Every soldier has a story, and in honor of Veteran's Day, an area soldier home from Iraq will share what he experienced there. Refreshments will be served. This program for "Seniors" is co-sponsored by First Financial Bank (formerly Sand Ridge). Please register by calling 972-7317.

GARDENING SERIES: WINTER GARDENING INTERESTS

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 6:30pm A representative of Taltree Arboretum in Valparaiso will help you select plants that have outstanding winter qualities and will show how to put them together to make your garden a winter delight. Co-sponsored by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, this is the last of the 2006 Gardening Series for this year. Please register to attend.

the Staff Recommends

Oxford DNB (Dictionary of National Biography) offers access to 55,000 lives in 63 million words, with 10,000 portrait illustrations. The Themes section of the database contains reference lists and articles on groups and successions (kings and queens, prime ministers, Nobel prize winners and more). The database is updated three times a year to provide users access to new biographies, themes for reference, illustrations and improved website features.

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The Literary Reference Center (LRC) is a comprehensive database that provides users information on thousands of authors and their works. It is a full text database that combines information from more than 10,000 plot summaries, synopses and work overviews. Reference sources include *Literary Reference of American Literature*, *Beacham's English Literature*, *The Literary Encyclopedia*, all of *MagillONLiteraturePlus*, the *Bloom Series* and much more.

Stop in at any of our libraries today and try these new online resources. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Department at 769-3541.

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW

Nov. 13, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides from his trip to Mt. Rainier, the Buchart Gardens, and Alaska. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 14, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith*, Jon Krakauer's eye-opening look at the history of polygamy within the Mormon Church. From Joseph Smith to current day fundamentalist zealots of the faith, Krakauer explores the violence and abuse that polygamy produces in its followers. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the checkout desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Nov. 20, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm View the sights and sounds

of Michigan, including Detroit, Motown, the Henry Ford Museum, Mackinac Island, and so much more. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Nov. 27, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Eight Below* is a thrilling tale of the incredible friendship between 8 amazing sled dogs and their guide, Jerry. When Jerry's beloved sled dogs are stranded in Antarctica for the winter, he stops at nothing to rescue them. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 30, Thurs. at 7pm Join in on the discussion of *Darkness Falls*, a psychological thriller by Margaret Murphy. Clara Pascal chained to a wall in a cellar is fighting for her life and sanity as she tries to figure out who has kidnapped her. Copies of the book will be available at the checkout desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

IDENTITY THEFT

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will learn the seven habits you can practice to prevent identity theft and what you must do if your identity is stolen. Corrine Powell, Purdue Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator, will present this free program. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 16, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CLUB & CHAT

Nov. 21, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm "You are what you eat" is this month's topic in *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Scholsser. Come discuss and share some of our homemade treats. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm

QUILTING BEE

Nov. 1, Wed. from 5pm to 8pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new

techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 10, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

November 2006

1st Seabiscuit Defeats War Admiral Anniversary On this day in 1938, in a special match race at Pimlico, Seabiscuit, ridden by George Wolff, defeated favored War Admiral before a crowd of 40,000. Seabiscuit captured the winner-take-all purse of \$15,000.

4th King Tut Tomb Discovery Anniversary In 1922, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of modern times occurred at Luxor, Egypt. The tomb of the child-king Tutankhamen was perhaps the only royal tomb to have escaped plundering by grave robbers. It was discovered by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

11th Vox Populi Day Vox Populi is the Latin term for "People's Voice". Today is the day to make your voice count. Speak up and out for social change on impending cultural issues in all arenas; print, radio, TV, the Internet and open assemblies.

19th Pasadena Doo Dah Parade Held in Old Pasadena, this spoof of the more traditional Rose parade is a wacky and humorous celebration that attracts thousands. Includes entries like the precision marching Briefcase Drill Team. Annually, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. www.pasadenadoodahparade.com

23rd Harpo Marx Birth Anniversary Harpo (Adolph Arthur) Marx was born in 1893 in New York City. He was the second of the famed Marx Brothers who were a popular comedy team on stage, screen and radio for 30 years. The silent brother, Harpo wore a red curly wig and communicated by honking a taxi horn. He was a self-taught and expert player of the harp. Harpo Marx died September 28, 1964 in Hollywood.

Birthdays

4th Walter Cronkite 90 years-born St. Joseph, MO in 1916 (journalist, news anchor)

8th Alfre Woodard 53 years-born Tulsa, OK in 1953 (actor)

11th Jonathan Winters 81 years-born Dayton, OH in 1925 (comedian, actor, author)

18th Wilma Mankiller 61 years-born Tahlequah, OK in 1945 (Chief of the Cherokee Nation)

28th Jon Stewart 44 years-born New York, NY in 1962 (writer, comedian, host)

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm

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about **Happenings@your library.**



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 1, Wed. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 8, Wed. at 7pm Carol Winston of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Romeo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

3000 YEARS OF MAJOR MOVES

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Mark Schurr, Professor of Archaeology at Notre Dame University, will present the third program in the "Munster Centennial Speaker Series: 3000 Years of Major Moves: Archaeological Evidence for Travel in the Region." Ridge Road has been a major transportation route for thousands of years. Come and see what archaeologists have discovered about this fascinating part of the Midwest nestled at the south end of Lake Michigan. Munster, along with all of Northwest Indiana, has been shaped by its location along some of the most important transportation networks in North America. Refreshments will be served. Register by calling the library.

SPINAL HEALTH & STRESS REDUCTION

Nov. 14, Tues. at 7pm You get regular tune-ups on your car and you get dental check-ups, but when is the last time you had your spine checked? Spinal health and proper nervous system function are the most important parts of the body to be checked. Join Dr. Samantha Francis of Hofferth Family Chiropractic in understanding why your spinal health is vital to living a healthy lifestyle and for an evening of spinal health education and stress management techniques.

JEWISH LITERATURE SERIES: BEE SEASON

Nov. 15, Wed. at 7pm In this final session of the five part series, "A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," series scholar Rabbi Michael Stevens will lead a discussion of *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 16, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

EXPLORE COLORADO

Nov. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm The Rocky Mountains form the backdrop to a historical and adventurous journey through the state of Colorado. Ride to the top of Pike's Peak. Visit Denver, the "mile high city," and the bustling old mining town of Cripple Creek. Step back in time inside the ancient cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde National Monument and float the rapids of the Gunnison River.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Nov. 30, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Eventide* by Kent Haruf is a novel of small-town life in the region around Holt, Colorado. The story follows the challenges, emotional upheavals, tragedies, and intertwined destinies of the local inhabitants as they cope with the changes they encounter. This is a sequel to the highly acclaimed novel, *Plainsong*.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Nov. 30, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics were specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Spirit of Capitalism* by Max Weber, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.



ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Nov. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assis-

tance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Nov. 15, Wed. at 7pm Enjoy the music of Salzburg, the tastes of Vienna, and the beauty of the Danube via large-screen video for the presentation of Austria. Refreshments will be served.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 24, Fri. from 10:30am to 2pm Participants will complete a small canvas painting, "Vase of Sunflowers," with instruction and help from an experienced artist. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP

Nov. 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied. Registration required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Nov. 29, Wed. at 7pm or Nov. 30, Thurs. at 10:15am Audrey Niffenegger crafts a sweeping love story with an unusual twist in *The Time-Traveler's Wife*. Join other readers in discussing this intriguing novel. Copies available at the branch. Register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Nov. 14, Tues. at 1:30pm Participants are invited to enjoy a video biography of America's singing cowboy, Gene Autry. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

On October 20, the Lake County Public Library Foundation held a Tribute Dinner to honor an individual, along with a corporation who has supported the library faithfully throughout the years.

Congratulations to Marti Ross for receiving the Distinguished Service Award and to *Casale, Woodward & Buls, LLP* for receiving the Corporate Leadership Award.

The Lake County Public Library is so fortunate to have such committed and dedicated volunteers, as well as businesses.

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Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of monetary bequests, as well as, memorials in honor of a special person, books from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a gift from June through September:

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We express our sincere appreciation
to everyone who supported the
Friends of the Lake County Public Library
Annual Fall Book Sale.

Once again, it was a terrific success. The proceeds from this event will be used to provide those special programs in each and every branch of this library system that patrons have come to enjoy.

November – American Indian Heritage Month
“The First People of America”
Lake County Public Library's Display Cases
(Across from Periodicals)



Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming NOVEMBER 2006



Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ WORKSHOP

Nov. 2 & 9, Thurs. from 1pm to 2:30pm Day care teachers and pre-school parents will participate in activities and learn techniques that familiarize young children familiar with skills that lead to reading readiness. New picture books will be presented, along with numerous developmental tips for fostering pre-reading skills. Two sessions will be offered. The first session will stress developmental skills for 2 and 3 year olds. The second week will feature skills for 4 and 5 year olds. This is a system-wide program for day care teachers and interested pre-school parents. The program is free, but pre-registration for one or both sessions is required. Call ext. 360.

AHOY MATIES!

Nov. 2, Thurs. at 4pm Children will search for pirates' gold and hidden treasure as they read about the adventures of villainous pirates! Register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6 through 28, Mon. or Tues. at 9:30am or 10:30am Toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months old, with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, songs, games, and rhymes during this half-hour program. Register for the day/time that best fits your schedule by calling ext. 360.

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FUN

Nov. 16, Thurs. at 4pm Children, from Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will enjoy stories and games related to books. They will also make a book holder for reading in bed. Registration required by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

BEAD BUDDIES

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in grades Kindergarten and up are invited to join in the fun as we make a little friend out of pipe cleaners and beads. Registration required.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SPECIAL

Nov. 15, Wed. at 4:30pm Young children, ages 3 and older, will hear the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare* and then have a few races of their own to celebrate National Children's Book Week.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: MORE BOOKS PLEASE

Nov. 15, Wed. at 4pm Children, ages 3 and older, will be asking "More Books, Please!" after hearing Doreen Cronin's *Diary of a Spider*. They will also make a craft and play some games. Register.

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Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mon. at 10:30am Four weeks of story time fun for the very young (6 to 35 months) and their caregivers with rhymes, rhythms, and reading. The program will take place each Monday morning in November. Registration required.

WHY MASKS?

Nov. 7, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, in grades Kindergarten and older, learn the importance of masks in other cultures plus make a Plains Indian Buffalo mask to wear or use as a room decoration. Registration required.

BOOK WEEK BOOK BAGS

Nov. 14, Tues. at 3:30pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will take a neon book bag and some paint pens to design a bag to carry home their library books. Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

BOOKS GO EVERYWHERE

Nov. 15, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will recycle old file folders into book totes. Registration required.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Nov. 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm Families will make "cookies in a jar" to give as a hostess gift for Thanksgiving or to bake over the weekend as a family project. Each family will work together to make one jar of cookie mix. Please bring measuring cups and spoons to the program. Space is limited so be sure to register early.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

Nov. 2 & 16, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players welcome!

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board (teens, 12 and older), and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER TIME

Nov. 9 & 30, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more!

PAPER DOLLS

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 4pm Eloise Cashman, former Children's Librarian, will discuss the fascinating history behind paper dolls with children in grades Kindergarten through 6. Mrs. Cashman has an extensive collection of paper dolls that she will display at the program. Participants will make their own paper doll to take home.

MORE BOOKS, PLEASE: CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 13, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories, crafts, and a variety of other activities. They will also make and eat food featured in favorite books. Children may wear their pajamas for a comfy and fun time!

MORE BOOKS PLEASE!

Nov. 14, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate National Children's Book Week with new books and old favorites, music, rhymes, a short film based on a children's book, and popcorn!

MOVIE BREAK

Nov. 24, Fri. at 2pm All ages will enjoy the movie, *Cars*, on the big screen. Popcorn and other goodies will be served. Pre-school age children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cedar Lake Branch...continued

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

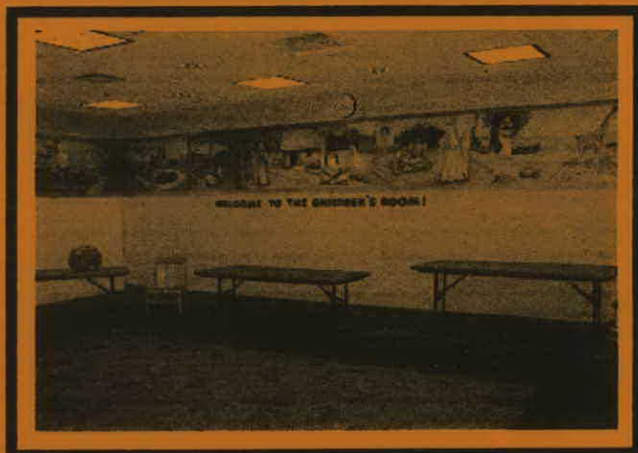
Nov. 25, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 12 and older, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs in December. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Nov. 28, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories, participate in music activities, and make a craft.

CRAFT CORNER

Nov. 30, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will listen to the book *The Pot That Juan Built* by Nancy Andrews-Goebel, and learn about the Mexican village of Mata Ortiz where pottery is created using the techniques of the ancient Casas Grandes Indians. The film will also be shown and participants will then create their own masterpieces with salt dough.



The new Cedar Lake Branch now provides a program & meeting room specifically designed in size, color and amenities for young children.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES JUMPING JAMBOREE

Nov. 1, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will jump for joy during this story hour jam-packed with jumping stories and activities. Register.

TODDLERS CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 13, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories, active songs, and related activities. Register

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 14 through Dec. 12, Tuesdays at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months, and their caregivers will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Mother Goose on The Loose will take place on 5 consecutive Tuesdays. Register for the time that best fits your schedule.

BUSY BEES CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK LIBRARY ADVENTURE

Nov. 15, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy library stories, songs, finger plays, and make a special bookmark to take home. Register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SCHOOL AGE FOOD FEST

Nov. 16, Thurs. from 4pm to 6pm School age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will celebrate National Children's Book Week by enjoying foods inspired by favorite children's stories. Registration is mandatory, along with a \$1 non-refundable fee for supplies due no later than November 10.

TODDLERS DINO-MITE

Nov. 27, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregiver, will enjoy dinosaur stories and active songs during this 30 minute lap-sit story time. Registration required.

SCHOOL AGE HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Nov. 30 & Dec. 2, Thurs. from 4pm to 6pm & Sat. from 10am to Noon School age children may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Items will be on display in the branch. A fee of \$0.25 to \$2.00 will be charged at the program for each craft depending on what materials are used. Written directions for the crafts will be available, younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item, depending on the time it takes. Check library display to see if a craft or gift needs something brought from home.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION – SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Nov. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, grades Kindergarten through 3rd, will be shown a number of award winning and interesting new books. They will also create their own decorated book covers from brown paper bags. Children will need to bring in a book to cover. Paper bags and decorating supplies will be provided. Juice and cookies will be served. Register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Nov. 10, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers (ages 20 to 35 months) along with their caregivers, will hear stories, songs, participate in finger plays, and make a simple craft. Registration required.

PRE-SCHOOL NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 14 & 15, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school children will hear a variety of excellent children's stories, songs, and finger plays. They will also create their own decorated book covers from brown paper bags. Children will need to bring in a book to cover. Paper bags and decorating supplies will be provided. Juice and cookies will be served. Register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO'S

Nov. 10, Fri. at 10:30am Lap-sit story time for children, ages 18 to 35 months, and an adult caregiver. This story time will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Registration required.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Nov. 13, Mon. at 6pm Celebrate National Children's Book Week with a special story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child and share the joy of books. Please register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 17, Fri. at 3:30pm School age children are invited to participate in a trivia contest and scavenger hunt to celebrate National Children's Book Week. We will view a movie selected to celebrate books, too! Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

Nov. 16, Thurs. at 6pm Celebrate National Children's Book Week with a special story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child and share the joy of books. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 1, 15, 29, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, with a caregiver, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 2, Thurs. at 4pm Our monthly teen meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will offer a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign-up for volunteer hours. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Nov. 3 & 17, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center and the Munster Parks Department, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Call the library for details.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Nov. 6 & 20, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. The themes for this month are: Apples and Turkeys. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

TALES FROM ROYALTY

Nov. 8, Wed. at 4:30pm A special guest, Miss Dayanna Alvarado, who was crowned Duchess in this year's Union Benefica Mexicana Pageant, will be hosting a royal story hour filled with tales of great kings and queens, pretty princesses and heroic knights. Children will get a chance to show off their royal wave and make their own crown. This one-time special story hour will be open to children ages 4 and older.

SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES

Nov. 11, Sat. from 3 to 5pm Children currently in 5th grade or older are invited to watch a movie. The title will be announced two weeks prior to viewing. Also, bring your suggestions for future viewings!

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 13, Mon. at 4pm Come see the best books children's authors have to offer. We will look at award-winning books from several genres and make an award-winning craft. Children of all ages are invited to participate. Youngsters under the age of 5 should be accompanied by an adult.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Nov. 14 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. This month's themes are: Apples and Turkeys.

GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Nov. 22, Wed. at 4pm Can a turkey fly? How did turkey become the main course on Thanksgiving? This program for school age children (must be in Kindergarten or older) will answer these questions and take a closer look at the bird that Americans love so much.

CARS

Nov. 24, Fri. at 1:30pm Come see Disney/Pixar's *Cars* on the big screen. *Cars* is the saga of Lightning McQueen, a hot-shot animated stockcar. In route to a big race, the cocky McQueen gets waylaid in Radiator Springs, where he finds the true meaning of friendship and family. The movie is rated G and lasts 116 minutes.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Nov. 27, Mon. from 6 to 8pm Children currently in 5th grade or older are invited to a night of games. Board games and card games will be available for participants. Come make new friends and have a night of fun!

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 7, 14, 21, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months, and their caregivers, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Registration required.

CARS – THE MOVIE

Nov. 11, Sat. at 2pm Children in sixth grade and up will watch the film *Cars*, a 116 minute production. Your ticket is your library card. Refreshments will be served. Register.

MORE BOOKS, PLEASE!

Nov. 16, Thurs. at 2pm A review of books and activities, new and old, that can be shared by pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Both caregivers and children will enjoy this review together. Please register.

STAMP IT HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Nov. 18, Sat. from 10am to noon Join Stampin' Up Consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 projects for the upcoming holidays. There is a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials. Register.

CHESS CLUB

Nov. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children, from beginners to advanced, bring a friend and meet with this group to learn or improve chess skills and share strategies. Plan to meet the fourth Monday of every month, except December.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 14 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate National Children's Book Week by hearing the 2006 Caldecott Medal Winner, *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and other stories, then they will sing songs and make a craft. Registration required.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

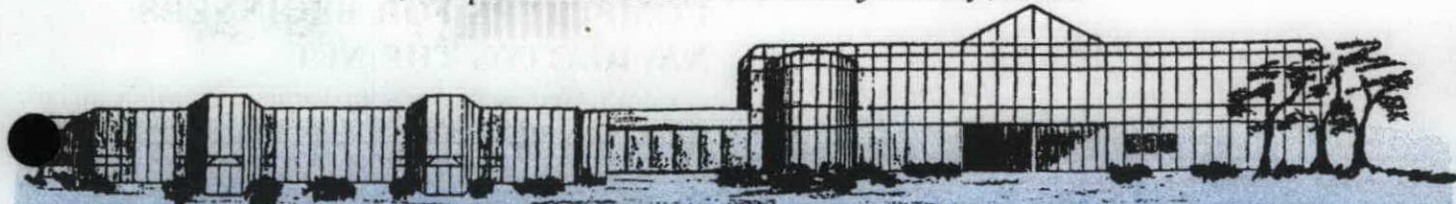
Nov. 18, Sat. at 1pm In celebration of National Children's Book Week, children in Kindergarten and up will design a cover for their favorite book that will be displayed in the library. Children are encouraged to check out and bring favorite books to the program. Registration begins Oct. 30.

PRE-SCHOOL THANKSGIVING

Nov. 21 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and making a craft to take home for this national holiday. Register for the time that best meets your child's schedule.



A place of their own – specially designed, colorful meeting room just for children's story hours, crafts and programs at the new St. John Branch.



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Passionate About Patrons

Helen Keller once said, "We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others." Renee Lewis, full-time staff member of the Talking Books Department, earns a living by brightening the lives of others on a daily basis. Renee sends out materials (free of charge) to the visually impaired and learning-disabled patrons of Northwest Indiana through the Talking Books Program.

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) program was established by an act of Congress in 1931 to serve blind adults. The program later grew to include children and those with physical impairments. This federally-funded service provides materials for those patrons who cannot use standard print library materials.

I don't know about you, but I couldn't imagine a life without books. Neither can Renee's patrons. For many of them, Renee is a lifeline to the outside world. Patrons who cannot leave their home find the service to be a blessing.

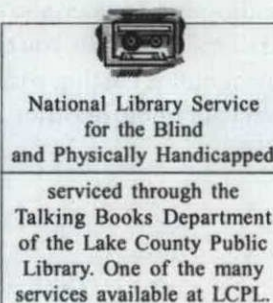
Helen Kulasak of Whiting has been a Talking Books patron for 12 years. When asked about it, she said, "The service is a godsend. There is really nothing else I can do." She listens to the news on television, but her eyes are getting worse all the time. Helen added, "Renee practically knows what I want—she always provides a good selection." Helen likes to read mystery

and romance novels and would recommend the service to anyone who is losing their sight.

This service is tailored for each individual. If you are old or young, an avid reader or just read occasionally for fun, Talking Books has something for everyone. Patrons can select Books in Braille, Large Print books, and Audio books, as few or as many as they like at a time. Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, and Consumer Reports are just a few of the titles of magazines patrons can choose from with the Talking Books Service, too. Magazines??? Yes, we have more than just books; magazines on specially designed cassettes, or in Braille format are also available. In addition to

books and magazines, the Talking Books service also offers a wide variety of descriptive videos. Descriptive videos show the original movie (as shown in the theater) with a professional narrator filling in additional details for patrons that cannot see. For example, "Lucy pulls the football away as Charlie Brown is going to kick it."

The service is totally free and all materials are simply sent through the US Mail. Did I mention that the service is totally FREE of charge? If you would like to come and visit Renee personally, and pick out your materials, she'd be glad to help you do just that. Brightening your day brightens Renee's day, too, so feel free to stop in if you wish.



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New patrons must fill out an application and have a qualifying signature. For more information about the Talking Books Program, or to request an application, please call (219) 769-3541, ext. 323 and ask for Renee.

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/> is the web address for the NLS and click on FAQ for loads of great information.

Julie Bradford
Assistant Head of Audio-Visual



Central Library

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Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

BOOKreMARKS

December's selection for the Online Book Discussion is a poem by Tom Hegg, *A Cup of Christmas Tea*. You DO have time to read this book during the busy month of December. In fact, your holiday (regardless of your religion or lack of keeping tradition) might be enriched by it. This 43 page poem (counting the full-page illustrations) is for all of us, all year long. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For further information about the online book discussions visit: <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

US CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Dec. 5, 12, 19, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Larry Sharp of the International Institute will teach classes for those preparing to become United States Citizens in the Literacy Room. Anyone interested in becoming a naturalized citizen is welcome to attend. Pre-register, ext. 309.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Dec. 6, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register beginning Dec. 15, on ext. 346.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Dec. 8, Fri. at 9:30am It's a Holiday Extravaganza with music and prizes! Adults (50 and older) are invited to this free program co-sponsored with Centier Bank's 50 Advantage. Refreshments are served. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for further details.

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Sun, Sand and Surf - Island escapes

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 13, Wed. at 2pm or 4pm Participants will learn how to find information on the Internet through popular search engines as well as the library's own website. Register beginning Dec. 15, on ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm The Year's Best: Your Favorites. Readers are invited to join us for a discussion of the books you've enjoyed most during the past year and to have a look at the books we'll be discussing in 2007. Please register at ext. 340.

NWI YOUTH CHORUS

Dec. 18, Mon. at 7pm Bring your friends and family for a night full of holiday spirit. The Northwest Indiana Youth Chorus will be here to delight audiences with a full range of musical talent and animation. So come and share the holiday joy with your community. Refreshments will be served. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Dec. 20, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate printed and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register beginning Dec. 15, on ext. 346.



CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm Superintendent Gideon of Scotland Yard is a quiet, even stolid man. Then, one of his men discovered to be in the pay of the Oriental Chang narcotics gang, is murdered, and followed by a string of mail-van robberies. Now the mob is after one of his informers – and the

Ask a Librarian

Q: My grandchildren live outside of Cleveland in Amherst, Ohio. Where can I find information about this community? I would like to keep up with information about their ballgames, plays and other school activities.

A: On the Lake County Public Library's home page there is a link to "Useful Web Sites." Click on the Newspaper section and choose the state you are interested in. Choose a newspaper which covers the city you want to learn about. To find a school phone number and web site use *Patterson's American Education* REF 370.25 PATT. There is a copy behind the Central Library reference desk. To learn to "Google" for your answers, sign up for our series of beginning computer classes. The classes include the Mouse, Internet and the Library Catalog. Call 769-3541 ext. 346 to register for a free class.

Forty-First Branch...continued

day isn't over yet! Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Gideon's Day* by J. J. Marric. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

STAMP CAMP

Dec. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm The hearty ho-ho-ho's of Christmas are close at hand. Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up will be your guide to the amazing, astonishing, and awesome cards and gifts for this fun-filled season. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Please register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 13, Wed. at 7pm Do you read all of your friends' Christmas letters? You'll read these. Starting in 1944, three generations of Christmas letter writers share. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of the novel *The Christmas Letters* by Lee Smith. Copies of the book will be available at the branch.

GRIFFITH GAB

Dec. 18, Mon. at 1pm It was one of history's most powerful, yet forgotten Christmas stories. It took place in the mud and cold rain in the trenches of World War I. It happened in spite of orders to the contrary by superiors and it happened in spite of language barriers. It still stands as the only time in

history that peace spontaneously arose from the lower ranks in a major conflict and temporarily turned sworn enemies into friends. Join us for dessert and a lively discussion of this amazing tale of camaraderie among soldiers in *Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce*.



Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave.
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 2, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Apples in a Cardinal Tree" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

CRAFTING FUN

Dec. 4, Mon. at 7pm Participants will make a fleece pillow for themselves, or for a gift. They should bring ¾ yard of fleece material and a yard stick. Join the fun!

SCRAP BOOKING

Dec. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginners as well as experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 3-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of the class. Join the fun!

INSANE HOLIDAY MADNESS

Dec. 11, Mon. at 4pm Teens (11 and older) will eat, play games, and make and win prizes as they celebrate the season.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 11, Mon. at 6pm Participants will create a multimedia seasonal painting. There is a \$12 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided, which is due at the time of class. Registration required.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Dec. 12, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn the history of the surprise attack on U.S. Naval Forces from different points of view in *Pearl Harbor: Surprise and Remembrance*.

Interviews, archival footage, and home movies from the U.S. and Japan help chronicle the events. Refreshments will be served.

BASIC DANCE

Dec. 13, Wed. at 7pm Participants will learn and practice basic ballroom dance steps, including waltz, salsa, cha-cha, and more. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun!

BOOKS & CHAT

Dec. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. This scathingly vivid portrayal of the near future in a country that was once the United States is frightening, unnerving, and memorable.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Dec. 26, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will travel the world without leaving home in *Exploring Egypt*, which visits this country in modern times with its crowded bazaars. Experience the incredible sights of pyramids, monuments, and dazzling tombs. Refreshments will be served.



Highland Branch

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838-2394

Highland, IN 46322
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HISTORY VIDEO

Dec. 4, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch *Jack Benny Now Cut That Out* depicting the life of this famous entertainer who became a big hit in everything he tried. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm Enjoy Christmas stories, games and music, as we sample our favorite Christmas Cookies and share the recipes with the others. Registration is required, and a copy of your recipe should be submitted by November 29th to insure time to duplicate and compile all recipes. The night of the program, participants should bring 3 dozen home-made cookies of the recipe they submitted to share.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 11, Mon. at 2pm Four children travel through a magical wardrobe to the land of Narnia, where they learn of their destiny to set the land free from the spell of the White Witch with the guidance of Aslan, the lion. Refreshments will be served as this film, *Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, is shown on the big screen.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 12, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss Anthony

the Staff Recommends Books

Cooking with Fernet Branca

by James Hamilton-Paterson

"A British ghost-writer of pop biographies and an avant-garde composer from fictional Voynovia become unwilling neighbors on a Tuscan hillside. They tell the story in alternating chapters, complete with amazingly ghastly recipes (do not try "Alien Pie" at home), hilarious misunderstandings, a wicked look at contemporary arts, and much imbibing of Fernet Branca."

DB/Reference

Deadly Exposure: A Novel of Medical Suspense

by Leonard Goldberg

"Forensic pathologist Joanna Blalock is sent to a Navy ship anchored off the coast of Alaska. When people on board begin to die, Joanna discovers a deadly virus trapped in an iceberg. Could this virus actually be 65 million years old and extraterrestrial? It is up to Joanna to find out in an exciting story."

MR/Forty-First

Acts of Faith by Philip Caputo

"A timely and illuminating tale of today's Africa and some of the colorful characters to be found there, including rebels, raiders, missionaries, bush pilots, and aid workers; and how the very best intentions they begin with are often terribly distorted."

LP/Reference

Doerr's *The Shell Collector Stories*, his debut collection of short stories on the natural world. Copies of the book will be available for check out. Refreshments will be served.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 13, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

MORNING HOUR: THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am The library is co-sponsoring this program with First Financial Bank's Morning Hour Club. There will be carolers sure to bring a smile and put melody in your heart with favorite holiday tunes. The Morning Hour Club will once again be accepting donations of non-perishable food for the local food shelter. Refreshments will be served. Call 972-7317 to register.

ARM CHAIR TRAVELERS

Dec. 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we tour charming and historic Portsmouth. Take a ride on the cog wheel to

the top of Mt. Washington. Learn the history of New Hampshire's historic grand hotels. Visit Clark's Trading post and the Yankee Publisher, home of the Old Farmer's Almanac. All will be seen on the big screen in this charming film *New Hampshire*. Refreshments will be served.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 12 & 13, Tues. at 6pm & Wed. at 10:30am Interested participants should bring at least two dozen cookies along with copies of the recipes to share with others. Please register.

BOOK CHAT

Dec. 19, Tues. at 2pm *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini, follows the story of the privileged son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul and the son of Amir's father's servant. As children in the relatively stable Afghanistan of the early 1970's, the boys are inseparable. But an unspeakable event changes their relationship forever. Copies of the book will be available at the branch. Please register.

LOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 21, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave.
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 8, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St.
962-2421

Hobart, IN 46342

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Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.
6-8450

Munster, IN 46321

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

JEWISH FILM SERIES

Dec. 5, Tues. at 1:30pm As a follow-up to the Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature book discussions, join us for a

series of films related to the books read. *Fiddler on the Roof*, a musical in which Tevye, the Jewish milkman, converses with God, lives for tradition, and has five daughters to marry off, kicks off the series.

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Events and Anniversaries Around the World

DECEMBER 2006

2nd McCarthy Silenced by Senate Anniversary On Feb. 9, 1950, Joseph McCarthy, senator from Wisconsin, announced during a speech that he had a list of Communists in the State Department. Over the next two years he made increasingly sensational charges and in 1953 McCarthyism reached its height as he held Senate hearings in which he bullied defendants. In 1954 McCarthy's tyranny was exposed in televised hearings during which he took on the Army and on Dec. 2, 1954, the Senate voted to censure him.

6th Missouri Earthquakes Anniversary Beginning Dec. 6, 1811 in New Madrid, MO, the most prolonged series of earthquakes in US history occurred. They lasted until Feb. 12, 1812. There were few deaths because of the sparse population. These were the most severe earthquakes in the contiguous US; those higher on the Richter scale have all occurred in Alaska.

11th Indiana: Admission Day On this day in 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

25th Humphrey Bogart Birth Anniversary American stage and screen actor, Humphrey DeForest Bogart, was born on this day in 1899 in New York City. Among his best remembered films are "The African Queen", "The Maltese Falcon" and "Casablanca". Bogart died Jan. 14, 1957 in Hollywood.

31st Japan: Namahage On the Oga Peninsula in Japan, groups of "Namahage" men disguised as devils make door-to-door visits, growling "Any good-for-nothing fellows hereabout?" The object of this annual event is to give sluggards an opportunity to change their minds and become diligent. Otherwise, according to legend, they will be punished by the devils.

Birthdays

3rd Andy Williams 76 years-born Wall Lake, IA in 1930 (singer)

9th Judi Dench 72 years-born York, England in 1934 (actor)

13th Dick Van Dyke 81 years-born West Plains, MO in 1925 (comedian, actor)

24th Mary Higgins Clark 75 years-born New York, NY in 1931 (author)

29th Mary Tyler Moore 70 years-born Brooklyn, NY in 1936 (actor)

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Dec. 6, Wed. at 7pm Carl DeNello of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss, Jr. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

Dec. 12, Tues. at 1:30pm The second featured film in the Jewish Film Series is *Yentl*. Yentl is the daughter of a kindly scholar, a man able to instill in his daughter a love of learning as deep as his own. However, in the world of Eastern Europe at the turn of the century, higher education is denied women. Yentl disguises herself as a man in order to gain entrance to an orthodox Jewish school.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

Dec. 19, Tues. at 1:30pm *Marjorie Morningstar*, a 1958 movie starring Natalie Wood and Gene Kelly, is the third film in the Jewish Film Series. This Hollywood adaptation of Herman Wouk's novel tells the story of a young actress who fails to achieve stardom and settles on being a housewife.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 21, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

EXPLORE ARIZONA

Dec. 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Arizona is a remarkable state, rich in natural beauty. Visit the Grand Canyon, one of the great natural wonders of the world, the Navajo Nation and Monument Valley Tribal Park, with its sandstone spires and buttes, the OK Corral in Tombstone, and meet Navajo weavers as they create beautiful native tapestries.

FAMILY FILM SERIES

Dec. 22, Fri. at 1:30pm A young boy must convince his parents that a toy rifle is the only Christmas gift that will make Christmas worthwhile. Not only do his parents face what many other parents do during that time of the year, but their actions fit with the All-American Christmas in *A Christmas Story*.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

Dec. 26, Tues. at 1:30pm The last installment in this series is *Goodbye, Columbus*. A Jewish man and a Jewish woman meet and, although attracted to each other, find that their worlds are very different. She is the archetypal Jewish-American-Princess, very emotionally involved with her parents' world and the world they have created for her, while he is much less dependent on his family. They begin an affair which

brings more differences to the surface. This film is based on the novella by Philip Roth.

FAMILY FILM SERIES

Dec. 29, Fri. at 1:30pm Enjoy the antics of Curly and the Three Stooges in these Curly Classics: *A Plumbing We Will Go*, *Men in Black*, and *Three Little Pigskins*, among others.



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LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS

Dec. 2, Sat. at 1pm and Dec. 12, Tues. at 10:30am Certified instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead participants in combining simple laughter exercises and gently yoga breathing to enhance health, happiness, and healing. Register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 5, Tues. from 10:30am to 2pm Participants will complete a small canvas painting with instruction and help from an experienced artist. There is a fee of \$12 due at the time of class for the cost of materials that will be provided. Beginners welcome. Registration required.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Dec. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

TEA TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Wed. from 2pm to 4pm Escape the retail madness! Every Wednesday in December this library branch is serving afternoon refreshments. Relax in a comfortable chair, enjoy tasty treats, meet the librarians, and browse the branch's collection of holiday books, music, and movies. Bring a friend!

STAMP CAMP

Dec. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied. Registration required.

TRAVEL PRESENTATION: WEST INDIA

Dec. 20, Wed. at 7pm See the sights in West India via

large screen video. Refreshments will be served.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Dec. 27 & 28, Wed. at 7pm & Thurs. at 10:15am In this telling of the Nativity story, *Certain Poor Shepherds* by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, the shepherds are a brave sheep-dog and a wise goat. Copies are available at the branch for checkout.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT

Dec. 6, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Dec. 12, Tues. at 1:30pm From *It's a Wonderful Life* to her own TV sitcom *The Donna Reed Show*, Donna Reed played the ideal mother. Biography lovers will discover how closely her real life matched her onscreen persona by viewing an A&E video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Sisters Patricia and Mary Alice couldn't be more opposite from each other. But when the sisters become involved in the murder of a well-coiffured victim at an art gallery opening, good-natured sibling rivalry takes a back seat – almost. Now the sisters are out to catch an art lover with a knack for murder in Anne George's *Murder on a Bad Hair Day*.

Holiday Schedule

All buildings of the
Lake County Public Library system
will observe the following holiday hours:

Closed:

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Monday, December 25

Sunday, December 31

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

A MOTHER GOOSE CHRISTMAS

Dec. 5, Tues. at 9:30am or 10:30am Celebrate Christmas with Mother Goose! Children ages 6 to 35 months along with their caregiver, will enjoy a time of songs, finger plays, and stories in this lap-sit program. Registration is required; call ext. 360.

A HOLLY JOLLY PROGRAM

Dec. 7, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will celebrate this happy season with stories and games and create an ornament to take home. Registration is required; call ext. 360.

CELEBRATE WINTER

Dec. 21, Thurs. at 4pm Children will enjoy stories, games, and a craft in honor of the arrival of winter. Don't forget to bring a blanket or quilt!

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

BELLS ARE RINGING

Dec. 19, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will have fun listening to holiday stories and making an ornament bell for a decoration of their very own. Register.

ICE CREAM CONE ORNAMENTS

Dec. 21, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children (Kindergarten and up) are invited to hear a holiday story or two and make a special ornament for the family's tree. Register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

WINTER WONDERLAND

Dec. 13, Wed. at 4pm Children, ages 3 and older, will enjoy a Winter Wonderland of stories, games, a craft, and a few snowy surprises. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

HOLIDAY GAMES

Dec. 5, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will get a jump on holiday fun by playing holiday-themed party games. Please register.

SUPER-TOT CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 18, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers (18 to 35 months of age) will create a pair of mittens to take home for the family Christmas tree. Registration required.

WHO'S BRINGING THE GIFTS?

Dec. 19, Tues. at 3:30pm It isn't just Santa bringing Christmas gifts! School age children, Kindergarten and up, will learn about some other gift bringers and make a Santa ornament for your family Christmas tree. Please register.

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Griffith Branch...continued

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 20, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Blizzards and Rudolph go together! Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make a holiday painting to celebrate the most famous Christmas snow storm. Please register.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dec. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Families will enjoy holiday stories about Hanukkah and Christmas. We will also enjoy the short film *The Trolls* and the *Christmas Express*.

SHH! LISTEN

Dec. 26, Tues. at 1pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will listen to another adventure of Ben and Amos and create a miniature kite. Please register.

VISIT TO NARNIA

Dec. 27, Wed. at 10:30am School age children, age 11 and older, will return to Narnia and discuss the second book *Prince Caspian*, while nibbling breakfast treats. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

A VISIT WITH SANTA

Dec. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm Children of all ages are invited to hear Santa read *The Night Before Christmas*. Children will also enjoy a sing-a-long, refreshments, and the opportunity to visit with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring a camera.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 7, 14, 21, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays and music activities.

CHESS

Dec. 7 & 21, Thurs. at 4pm Children, grades 3 and older, will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

INSANE HOLIDAY MADNESS

Dec. 11, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will eat, play games, and make and win prizes and gifts as they celebrate the season.

HOLIDAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES

Dec. 12 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 years old, will enjoy holiday stories, music activities, and a craft at these story times. The December 19th program will conclude with a candy cane hunt in the children's section of the library.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CORNER

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy a Christmas story, play a game, and make a craft to celebrate the holidays.

MOVIE BREAK

Dec. 28, Thurs. at 2pm School age children in Kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy goodies while watching a movie on the big screen. Call the library for further details.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Dec. 2, Sat. from 10am to 12pm School age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Items will be on display in the branch, which should be checked to see if something from home is needed. A fee will be charged for each craft, depending on the materials used. Directions for the crafts will be written out – younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item, depending on the amount of time it takes to complete. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 5, Tues. & Dec. 12, Tues. at 10:30am and 6:30pm Children ages 6 to 35 months old along with their caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Registration required.

Highland Branch...continued

BUSY BEES HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 6, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Special holiday stories will be featured along with songs, activities and a holiday craft. Please register.

TODDLERS' HOLIDAY HUGS

Dec. 11, Mon. at 10:30am or 11:30am Young children, age two, and their care givers will ring in the holiday season with stories, active songs and related activities. Registration required.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's TAB (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. TAB is for students in 6th grade or higher. Register in person or by calling the library.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HOLIDAY TODDLER STORY TIME

Dec. 8, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers, 20 to 35 months of age, along with their care givers will hear holiday stories, as well as participate in songs and finger plays. There will also be a holiday craft. Registration required.

HOLIDAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 12, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Dec. 13, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 3 to 5, will hear holiday stories and participate in finger plays and songs. They will also make a holiday craft. Registration required.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear holiday stories and make a holiday craft. Please register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO'S

Dec. 8, Fri. at 10:30am Children 18 to 35 months of age with an adult caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit Christmas story time filled with stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Registration required.

CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Dec. 11, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 years old, are invited to attend a special Christmas Story Time, which will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please register.

CHRISTMAS FUN

Dec. 13, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will make a Christmas craft, and listen to Christmas stories. Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

CHRISTMAS FAMILY STORY TIME

Dec. 14, Thurs. at 6pm Families are invited to participate in a Christmas story time, which will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

READING BUDDIES

Dec. 1 & 15, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center and co-sponsored by the Munster Parks Department this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's

Dec. 4, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3 years old, with a care giver, are invited to our 30-45 minute holiday story time. We will have holiday stories, music, and a craft that is perfect for the season.

SNOWBALL FIGHT!

Dec. 6, Wed. from 4pm to 5pm Children, age 6 (currently in Kindergarten) or older, are invited to a program about snow. Learn how snow is made, make your own snowy treat, and have a snowball fight indoors!

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 7, Thurs. at 4:30pm This is the monthly meeting for Young Adults, students currently in 5th grade or higher. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's

Dec. 12, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a holiday story time. This special program will include stories, music, a craft, and other festive activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 13, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, are invited to join our special holiday Mother Goose session with seasonal rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW

Dec. 16, Sat. at 2pm Young adults, ages 11 and older, are invited to a snow sculpting event. We will be building snow creatures, having a snowball fight, and warming up with some hot chocolate when we're through. We will be outside, so dress for the weather. If the temperature doesn't cooperate, we will make ice cream inside.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dec. 20, Wed. at 4pm Children age 6 (currently in Kindergarten) or older, are invited to a special holiday program. We will learn a little bit about the holiday that you celebrate, as well as a little about the holidays that you don't. Stories and multiple crafts will be included.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

POLAR EXPRESS - THE MOVIE

Dec. 9, Sat. at 2pm Children, 6th grade and up, will watch *Polar Express* and enjoy refreshments. The film is rated G and is 100 minutes long.

HOLIDAY MAGIC

Dec. 12, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will hear holiday stories, make a special craft, and watch a film.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SATURDAY MATINEE

Dec. 2, Sat. at 1pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will enjoy watching the Pixar animated movie - *Cars*! Refreshments will be provided. There is limited seating, so be sure to register.

HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 12 or 13, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft to take home. Please register.